






# For the record

## PAMPA FORECAST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		
High 89 Low 68	High 90 Low 71	High 88 Low 64

**Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Sunday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 89. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Sunday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Monday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Monday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Tuesday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

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The North Texas Tollway Authority on Thursday authorized the increase, which means that TollTag users will pay an

average of 14.5 cents per mile, up from about 11 cents per mile.

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## Lt. Gov. to amend financial disclosures

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst is amending his past financial filings and will disclose new information about his assets.

The Texas Republican has drawn fire for revealing scant details about his vast wealth.

On Friday, Dewhurst released two corrected financial statements covering his filings for 2007 and 2008. The new dis-

closures show Dewhurst holds a stake in several investments funds, including assets managed by Goldman Sachs and the TCP Investment Fund II LP. He was expected to file the statements Friday with the Texas Ethics Commission.

Travis County prosecutors had been reviewing a formal complaint against Dewhurst.

## Obituaries

There are no obituaries today

## Seal coating begins Monday

The City of Pampa will begin its annual seal coating program this week. Residents living on the streets that are to be sealed are asked to move vehicles from the right of ways so that work can be completed. Residents are also asked not to allow water to run in the street.

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Charles 17th to Worrell, Worrell from Russell to Williston, Hamilton from 20th to 19th, Hamilton from 18th to Worrell, Randy Matson from Charles to Hamilton, 17th from Coffee to Hobart, Coffee from 22nd to Perryton Pkwy, Harvester from Hamilton to Russell, Virginia from Charles to Maryellen, West St. from Francis to Kingsmill, Buckler from West St. to Gray, 25th from Charles to Duncan, 18th from Duncan to Beech, 17th from Beech to Duncan, Fir from 18th to 17th, Holly from 20th to 19th, Doucette from Browning to Harvester, Bradley from Harvester to Kentucky, Dean Dr. from Jorden to Kentucky, Sloan from Kentucky to Jorden, Louisiana from Yeager to Park Street to

Starkweather, Wynne from Francis to Browning, Warren from Browning to Francis, Foster Fraser to Marie, Evergreen from 23rd to 25th, Beech from 23rd to 18th, 19th from Hobart to Nelson, Browning from Zimmers to Christy, Naida from Buckler to Lincoln, Worrell from Nelson to Dwight, 19th from Zimmers to Lynne, 19th from Lynne to Lea, Aspen from 23rd to Linda, Harvester from Powell to Browning, 30th from Perryton Parkway to the dead end, Dogwood from 23rd to Chestnut.

Seal coating is expected to begin on Monday, July 20, and weather permitting will take approximately two weeks to complete.

Donny Hooper  
Engineering Tech  
City of Pampa

## Interior plans offshore drilling despite questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is moving ahead with an oil lease sale in the Gulf of Mexico next month despite legal questions about whether the proposal and other offshore drilling plans initially drawn up under President George W. Bush went through a full environmental review.

The decision comes three months after the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington blocked lease sales in Alaska, saying the Bush administration didn't properly study the environmental consequences. The Alaska drilling was part of a five-year plan to expand drilling around the country, including in the Gulf. The court didn't say whether its

ruling also applied to Gulf drilling, but many experts watching the case said they believed the decision could cover the entire program, not just the Alaska portion.

Interior Department spokeswoman Kendra Barkoff said the agency has sought clarification from the courts. But after not getting further guidance, Secretary Ken Salazar decided to move ahead, Barkoff said.

"We're planning as if it doesn't affect the Gulf, but if the court provides direction otherwise, we will follow it," she said.

The sale would pave the way for drilling in some 18 million acres in the western Gulf near Texas. The area comes as close as nine

miles from shore in some parts and stretches as far as 250 miles out in places.

The U.S. uses about 7.5 billion barrels of oil per year, so the estimated oil production is the equivalent

of a roughly three-week supply. The nation uses about 23 trillion cubic feet of natural gas per year, so the estimated gas production amounts to nearly six weeks of consumption.

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**Doyle Clendennen**

We wish to give our most heartfelt thanks to all the people who stood by us during the time of the tornado and his death. It was a sad and trying time but your support helped us get through when we felt we could not go on. Your outpour of phone calls, cards, flowers, donations, thoughtful gestures, prayers, and physical presence have helped us immensely in our process of healing.

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# Children's Shopping Tour wins national service award

Pampa's 2007 Children's Shopping Tour was named the outstanding community service project in the nation by Optimist International last week at its international convention in Orlando, Fla.

On hand to receive the award were Judy and John Warner. Judy and Kerrick Horton served as co-chairs for the 2007 Children's Shopping Tour. John was the treasurer.

"This is a unique project," Judy explained to more than 30 different Optimist clubs at a session where clubs from across the nation could obtain information and ask questions about the project. "The Children's Shopping Tour emphasizes giving rather than getting at Christmas. The children buy presents for members of their families rather than for themselves. For most of the children, it is the first time they have ever experienced giving at Christmas.

"The Salvation Army tells us that our community has about one thousand people in need each year at Christmas," Judy continued. "This project directly met over 45 percent of that need by serving 460 fam-

ily members including the 117 children who went on the tour."

"The award really belongs to our entire community," John said. "The tour is a result of the efforts of about 40 different organizations. The Altrusa Club furnished the co-chairs, prepared a brochure on the project in English and Spanish and were in charge of registration on the morning of the tour. Capt. Laura Martin of The

Salvation Army and Sandra McKinney of the Texas Health and

Human Services Commission were responsible for screening applications and inviting children to participate.

Shonda Rucker of the Kiwanis Club recruited more than 350 volunteers. Chelsie Griffin of the Energizer Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist

Church led a group of junior high youths who entertained children who finished their shopping early by singing Christmas carols and telling Christmas stories. The group also held a coloring contest with materials and prizes furnished

by Jana Gregory with the American Red Cross.

Tralee Crisis Center and Dee Dee Laramore provided orange juice and donuts for the volunteers.

"Brad Pingel led a group of volunteers from the Lions Club who personally contacted 80 of the children's parents who did not have telephones to remind them of the tour which resulted in one of the few times we did not have any 'no shows.'"

Whitney Davis and the Opti-Mrs. Club headed up wrapping the 1467 gifts which the children purchased. Harley Knutson and Richard Morris from the Gideon Society provided New Testament Bibles in English or Spanish to 115 of the children who accepted one."

Other organizations which participated included the Pampa Police Department, the Harvester football team, the Harvester basketball team, the

Lady Harvester basketball team, the Harvester soccer team, the Lady Harvester volleyball team, the Pampa High School cheerleaders, the National Honor Society, Pampa

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Pampa, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), ASTRA, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), the Miami Police Department, Roberts County Sheriff's Office, Girl Scouts of America, Family Medicine Center, Body of Christ Church, The Pampa News, the National Junior Honor Society, Pampa Independent School District, 31st District Attorney's Office, the First Presbyterian Church, the First Baptist Church, the Aldersgate Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist Church, the First Christian Church Lamplighters' Sunday School Class, Pampa Moose Lodge #1385 and the Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club.

The project began in 1963 and has been held every year since then. The Optimist Club, the Kiwanis Club, The Salvation Army and the Altrusa Club alternate in furnishing the general chair each year. More than 2,000 children between the ages of five and ten have participated in the tour.

# Library

Across Texas, the library's summer reading program.

Throughout the summer, the Lovett Memorial Library has hosted children's reading programs. Thursday morning programs have been a highlight, according to Misty Guy, head librarian.

"It's been going pretty good," she said of the packed house for Rhoades

magic show Thursday morning.

Next Thursday, July 23, the library will end their summer program with a Rodeo Roundup.

"We'll have stick horses," Guy smiled, "and maybe a cow chip throwing contest."



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# Jumbo squid invade San Diego shores

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Thousands of jumbo flying squid, aggressive 5-foot-long sea monsters with razor-sharp beaks and toothy tentacles, have invaded the shallow waters off San Diego, spooking scuba divers and washing up dead on tourist-packed beaches. The carnivorous calamari, which can grow up to 100 pounds, came up from the depths last week and swarms of them roughed up unsuspecting divers. Some divers report tentacles enveloping their masks and yanking at their cameras and gear.

Stories of too-close encounters with the alien-like cephalopods have chased many veteran divers out of the water and created a whirlwind of excitement among the rest, who are torn between their personal safety and the once-in-a-lifetime chance to swim with the deep-sea giants.

The so-called Humboldt

squid, which can grow up to 100 pounds, are native to the deep waters off Mexico, where they have been known to attack humans and are nicknamed "red devils" for their rusted coloring and mean streak. Those who dive with them there chum the water with bait and sometimes get in a metal cage or wear chain mail to avoid being lashed by tentacles.

"I wouldn't go into the water with them for the same reason I wouldn't walk into a pride of lions on the Serengeti," said Mike Bear, a local diver. "For all I know, I'm missing the experience of a lifetime."

The squid are too deep to bother swimmers and surfers, but many longtime divers say they are staying out of the surf until the sea creatures clear out. Yet other divers, including Shandra Magill, couldn't resist the chance to see the squid up close.

On a recent night, Magill watched in awe as a dozen squid with doleful, expressive eyes circled her group, tapping and patting the divers and gently bumping them before dashing away.

Other divers have reported squid pulling at their masks and gear and roughing them up.

Scientists aren't sure why the squid, which generally live in deep, tropical waters off Mexico

and Central America, are swarming off the Southern California coast, but they are concerned.

In recent years, small numbers have been spotted from California to Sitka, Alaska, an alarming trend that scientists believe could be caused by anything from global warming to a shortage of food or a decline in the squid's natural predators.

# Harley

"Last year," Noble said, "we had 484 riders in the poker run."

"It filled up the town," she laughed.

Noble said the celebration brought riders in from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Kansas.

"We had one from Canada," she said.

He won the award for being farthest away.

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"We give prizes for farthest away and oldest," Noble said.

The oldest motorcycle rider was a 92-year-old man from Fritch. He rides with a friend who's 90.

Davis said the 90-year-old said he'd be glad when the 92-year-old quit riding. Then the 90-year-old, he said, could win the oldest rider prize.

# Music

the library program will help each kid be all they can be.

"I hope it inspires them," he said, "and encourages their own creativity."

Besides the music, Stewart said there will also be prizes for whoever draws the best picture.

"The kids who draw this year's pictures," he said, "those pictures will go into the song book for next year."

He said his young students can learn several songs in that short of time.

"They can learn 'This Land is Your Land,'" Stewart said. "They can learn Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy,' and Brahms' Lullaby."

They can also learn Mozart's 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star.' With a twinkle in his eye,

Stewart said Mozart wrote the music for the children's song.

"Somebody else put the words to it," he said.

Stewart just got back from the Woody Guthrie festival in Okemah, Okla., this week where he handed out 299 harmonicas to kids in two days.

"It was hotter than blazes," Stewart said. "I was worn out."

Okemah, Woody Guthrie's birthplace hosts a festival each year the weekend before Guthrie's birthday, July 14. Born in 1912, the legendary folk musician would have been 97 this year.

Stewart said he left Okemah, went home to St. Louis, Mo., to pick up some stuff and returned to Pampa where he's involved with the Woody

Guthrie Folk Music Center on South Cuyler.

The great harmonica giveaway at the library this month is just the beginning. Stewart said he's working with the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to develop similar programs.

"There are something like 700 Boy Scouts in four districts in the panhandle," Stewart said.

In 2003, Stewart went into the schools and worked with music teachers in Pampa schools. He hopes to repeat that program this next year.

"This will be a harmonica playing community," he laughed.

Stewart said he's developed similar programs around the country, but he said the kids in Pampa have been special.

He said the music teach-

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ers in Pampa have made the program important, and the students have been talented and well behaved.

Stewart said that he's been in places where the students were so ill mannered, he was ready to give up.

But the reward, he said, is watching a kid's face light up when he can play that harmonica.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Saturday, July 18, the 199th day of 2009. There are 166 days left in the year.

- Highlights in history on this date:
- 64 - Great fire of Rome begins.
  - 1536 - Pope's authority declared void in England.
  - 1872 - Britain introduces voting by secret ballot.
  - 1912 - Tewfik Pasha becomes Grand Vizier of Persia following fall of Said Pasha's ministry.
  - 1923 - British Matrimonial Causes Act gives women equality in divorce suits.
  - 1947 - U.S. President Harry S. Truman signs the Presidential Succession Act putting the speaker of the House and Senate pro tem in line after the vice president.
  - 1962 - None of the presidential candidates receives the one-third vote necessary for election in Peru. The decision moves to Congress, but military forces seize and overthrow the government.

**'Miracles are propitious accidents, the natural causes of which are to be complicated to be readily understood.'**

— George Santayana, American philosopher

1966 - South Africa declares it will maintain control of South-West Africa after the World Court dismisses lawsuit brought by black-ruled African states.

1969 - Car driven by U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy plunges off bridge in Chappaquiddick, Massachusetts, and passenger Mary Jo

Kopechne drowns.

1990 - Iraq warns OPEC members it views violations of group's production quotas as virtual acts of war, and accuses Kuwait of stealing its oil for the past decade.

1995 - As word spreads that a "new" photo showing Russian President Boris Yeltsin in good health is actually three months old, he appears on television to assure Russians he is recovering from heart trouble.

1997 - Police close half of the Caribbean island of Montserrat to keep residents away from areas most threatened by an erupting volcano.

1998 - South African President Nelson Mandela celebrates his 80th birthday by marrying Graca Machel, widow of Samora Machel, the first president of Mozambique.

1999 - India says it has ousted the intruders on its Kashmir frontier with Pakistan, ending the worst fighting between the countries since a 1971 war.

2000 - Indonesia's military admits that some of its troops have taken sides in the long-running Christian-Muslim war in the Maluku islands.

2001 - Workers bring much of Argentina's business activity to a halt with a nationwide strike prompted by government spending cuts.

2007 - An underground steam pipe explosion tears through a Manhattan street near Grand Central Terminal, swallowing a tow truck and killing one person as hundreds of others ran for cover amid a towering geyser of steam and flying rubble.

### Today's Birthdays:

Hume Cronyn, Canadian actor (1911-2003); Nelson Mandela, South African president (1918--); John Glenn, U.S. astronaut (1921--); Yevgeny Yevtushenko, Russian poet (1933--); Ricky Skaggs, U.S. country singer (1954--); Vin Diesel, U.S. actor (1967--); Kristen Bell, U.S. actress (1980--).



## Obama's hospital "bargain" gambles with Texans' health care

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

An intense debate on how to reform our health care system is unfolding in the nation's Capitol. It is important that Texans be aware of the devastating impact the proposed reforms could have on hospital systems throughout our state for both rural and big city hospitals.

Imagine a patient goes to the hospital for surgery to have a stent placed in his heart. Once there, he is told that the surgery will not occur unless he first donates a kidney. As shocking as this scenario is, it is not unlike the position many of Texas' hospitals will be placed in if the Obama Administration has its way.

Last week, the Administration announced that it struck a bargain to pay for health care reform, in part, by slashing federal reimbursements to hospitals. Without question, Texans want to see health care reform legislation enacted to improve access to health insurance and restrain runaway health care costs, but many of our hospitals are already on life support. Siphoning their funding would be disastrous for the millions of patients who rely on these facilities for care each year, and it could sink the hospitals to new and dangerous fiscal lows.

Our hospitals currently bear the financial burden

of having to keep pace with increasingly expensive technological advancements; meanwhile, their federal reimbursements are shrinking at an alarming pace. Further, many hospitals are required to provide millions of dollars in uncompensated care to Texas' 6 million uninsured residents. Despite this untenable financial dilemma facing our hospitals, the Obama Administration expects them to take further cuts in reimbursements on the hopes that the proposed government-run insurance provider would eventually lessen the number of Americans without insurance coverage.

In short, the Administration asked for an upfront investment by the hospitals and offered an IOU in return. But what the Administration is calling a "bargain" is actually a gamble with very high stakes — the health of entire communities. They are essentially gambling away health care access to achieve health care coverage.

Their so-called "bargain" ignores the unique challenges facing rural hospitals, which due to the low number of patients, operate with little to no profit margin. Lowering these hospitals' badly needed federal reimbursements could result in reduced services, or even worse, the closure of entire facilities. Even the head

of the Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals, David Pearson, recently said, "Significant cutbacks for many of these hospitals could jeopardize access to health care in rural Texas."

Another costly problem that has been entirely ignored by the Obama Administration is the uncompensated care Texas hospitals provide to illegal immigrants each year. Last year, 6,540 visits from undocumented immigrants cost Parkland Hospital System in Dallas \$7 million, and Memorial Hermann in Houston incurred over \$4 million in cost for their care. I have consistently championed federal efforts to offset these costs to hospitals and to prevent local property taxpayers from having to shoulder the burden. However, the program has expired and the Administration and the Majority Leaders in Congress refuse to address this problem in health care reform. It will be impossible for some hospitals in Texas to remain operational if they are asked to carry an even heavier financial burden.

Patients should also be concerned that the cost of these proposed reimbursement cuts may actually be transferred to them. Hospitals may be forced to pass on these cuts to patients with private insurance, ultimately resulting



in even higher premiums. A shrinking hospital budget must be filled in some way if the hospital is going to survive.

If our hospitals are placed in such peril that they can no longer afford to keep their doors open, who do you think will have to rescue them? Ultimately, this proposal leads us one step closer to a government takeover of the health care system. Over the last several months, we have seen the federal government seize control of Wall Street, the banking industry, the housing market, and the auto manufacturers. Can we really trust the health of Americans to a big government that is willing to take high stakes risks on the American health care system?

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas.

## Letters to the editor

To The Editor,  
With so many rushing to define marriage these days, it is interesting to note that, according to one study, 85 percent of male ex-convicts get divorced within a year of their release from prison.

That number soars to a whopping 98.8 percent of previously incarcerated women.

It is in the face of staggering statistic that a group calling themselves "People of Principle" work to affect a change.

By conducting marriage seminars for incarcerated individuals and their spouses, this Midland-based, government funded group has aided some 249 couples in keeping their marriages going strong.

And recently, they conducted a three-day seminar at Pampa's own Rufe Jordan Unit. Eight couples participated in the event. On Friday evening, the offenders' wives met with the group's volunteers in Pampa. Then on Saturday

and Sunday, the wives joined their husbands on the unit for two days of instruction in time-tested methods geared toward strengthening the marital relationship.

The event was sponsored by the Jordan Unit Chaplaincy Department. Chaplain Willard Kiper welcomed the offenders, their wives, and the members of the People of Principle group. Volunteers in attendance included Ron Brewer, Oscar Antonio Gracia and his wife Barbara Garcia, Billy Petty and his wife La Marque Petty, Curtis Wilcox, and Rios Waddleton.

The group's experience in dealing with incarcerated individuals transcends its three-year existence. Two of the volunteers (Oscar Antonio Garcia and Billy Petty) are, themselves, ex-offenders.

According to group leader Ron Brewer, one of the greatest obstacles faced by ex-offender is shaking

what he referred to as the "institutionalized mind." On average, Brewer pointed out, it takes approximately one month per year of incarceration to shake this destructive frame of mind. The spouse of the ex-offender is directly exposed to the behavior associated with the institutionalized mind, and is often unprepared to deal with it without help.

The People of Principle organization provides that help. As a result of their efforts, only one of the 249 couples who have participated in one of the seminars has gotten a divorce.

With the institution of marriage constantly under attack by television programs such as Bachelor, The Bachelorette, and Wife Swap (to name just a few), it is indeed refreshing to know that there are people out there who believe so strongly in the ability of marriage to make the world a better place, that they are prepared to enter

into-and back into-prison to ensure that something is done for those who are incarcerated.

Groups such as People of Principle seem to understand that, while it is indeed the case that the offender made poor choices that landed him or her in prison, the only choice their spouse made was to honor the sanctity of their marriage vows. Assisting them, therefore, in keeping from becoming part of the aforementioned staggering statistic is indeed a noble undertaking.

If you are interested in learning more about the People of Principle organization, they can be contacted at [www.poptexas.org](http://www.poptexas.org).

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# Around town

## Schales celebrate 35th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schale celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary during a trip to New Orleans. Michael Schale married Kadda Hill on June 21, 1974. Mr. Schale is area supervisor for Allsup, and Mrs.

Schale is associated with Empire Paper Company. They are members of the Presbyterian Church of Pampa. Children of the couple are Landon Schale of Dallas, and Darby Schale of Pampa.



## Lewis, Brown exchange vows

Amber Ann Brown formerly of Oxford, Nebraska and Brenton Blake Lewis formerly of Pampa, were united in a double ring ceremony on Saturday November 22, 2008 at the recently restored Minden, Nebraska Opera House, originally constructed in 1891.

Dr. Berke Landrum of the Presbyterian Church of Minden, Nebraska officiated.

Parents of the bride are Terrence Schmeits of York, Nebraska and Jennifer Gardine of Bertrand, Nebraska. Parents of the groom are Dalton and Omajeon Lewis of Pampa. Also attending was Ruth Schmits, grandmother of the bride, of Goehner, Nebraska.

Matron of honor was Michelle Hunter, childhood friend of the bride, of Holdridge, Nebraska. Serving as bridesmaid was Tonya Lewis, sister of the groom, of Pampa. Flowergirls were Lainey and Lauren Schmeits, nieces of the bride, of Oxford.

The bride was escorted by her daughters Ashlyn Brown and Aubrey Brown to the altar where they vowed to become a part of the new family and honor the marriage.

Blake Lewis of Kearney, Nebraska served as his father's best man, and Joshua Schmeits, brother of the bride, of Oxford was Groomsman. Ring bearer was Max Hunter of Holdridge. Ushers included Bob McBride, Thorin McBride, and Grayson McBride all of Ord, Nebraska and Travis Hunter of Holdridge.

The guest book was attended by Jamie Schmeits, sister-in-law of the bride, of Oxford. Personal attendants to the bride were Trina McBride,

friend of the bride, of Ord and Randie Lewis, daughter-in-law of the groom, of Kearney.

Music was provided by pianist Glen Haselbarth of Minden.

A wedding reception dinner followed in the Opera House. A honeymoon to Hawaii is planned in the future.

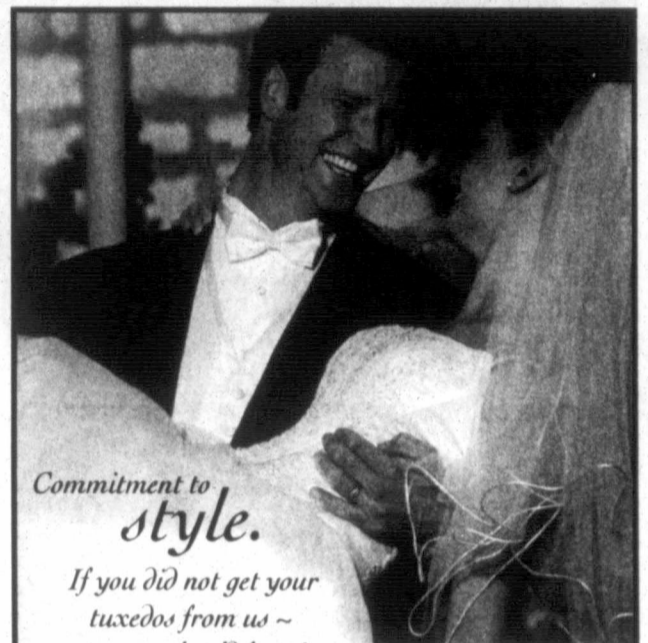
The bride is funding specialist at Olson Associates in Holdridge and the groom is city administrator for Minden. The couple will reside in Minden.



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## Hidden Hills Senior Scramble

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First place— 59

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J Bridges

J Henson

B McMin

B Brandon

Second Place— 59

B Hammer

J Gilbert

C Byrum

B Briley

Third place— 60

P Montoya

J Ashford

J Mayberry

D Sargeant

Fourth place— 61

J Brashears

R Covalt

D Reeves

R Abbot

Fifth place— 63

RD Stephens

T Cox

M Frye

D Hinkle

Sixth place—

A Bolton

L Neighbors

B Henderson

G Winegeart

Closest to hole

#6 Jim Bridges

#15 JL Furgason

## Ward graduates with honors

Michelle Laine Ward graduated from Baylor University in Waco on May, 15, 2009 with a degree in mechanical engineering. She was active in both ASME and SWE where she held various officer positions and graduated magna cum laude with

a 3.9 grade point average. After graduation she began working for The Boeing Company. Miss Ward is the daughter of Marvin and Martha Ward of Waxachie, TX and granddaughter of Vera Plunk and Kenneth and Viola Ward all of Pampa.

## Fund set up for Nix

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## A&M begins process of picking new president

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M regents have named a 15-member committee to seek candidates to for the vacant presidency of the system's flagship university in College Station.

Elsa Murano quit as Texas A&M University president a month ago, less than two weeks after disclosure of an unflattering performance review written by A&M System Chancellor Mike McKinney.

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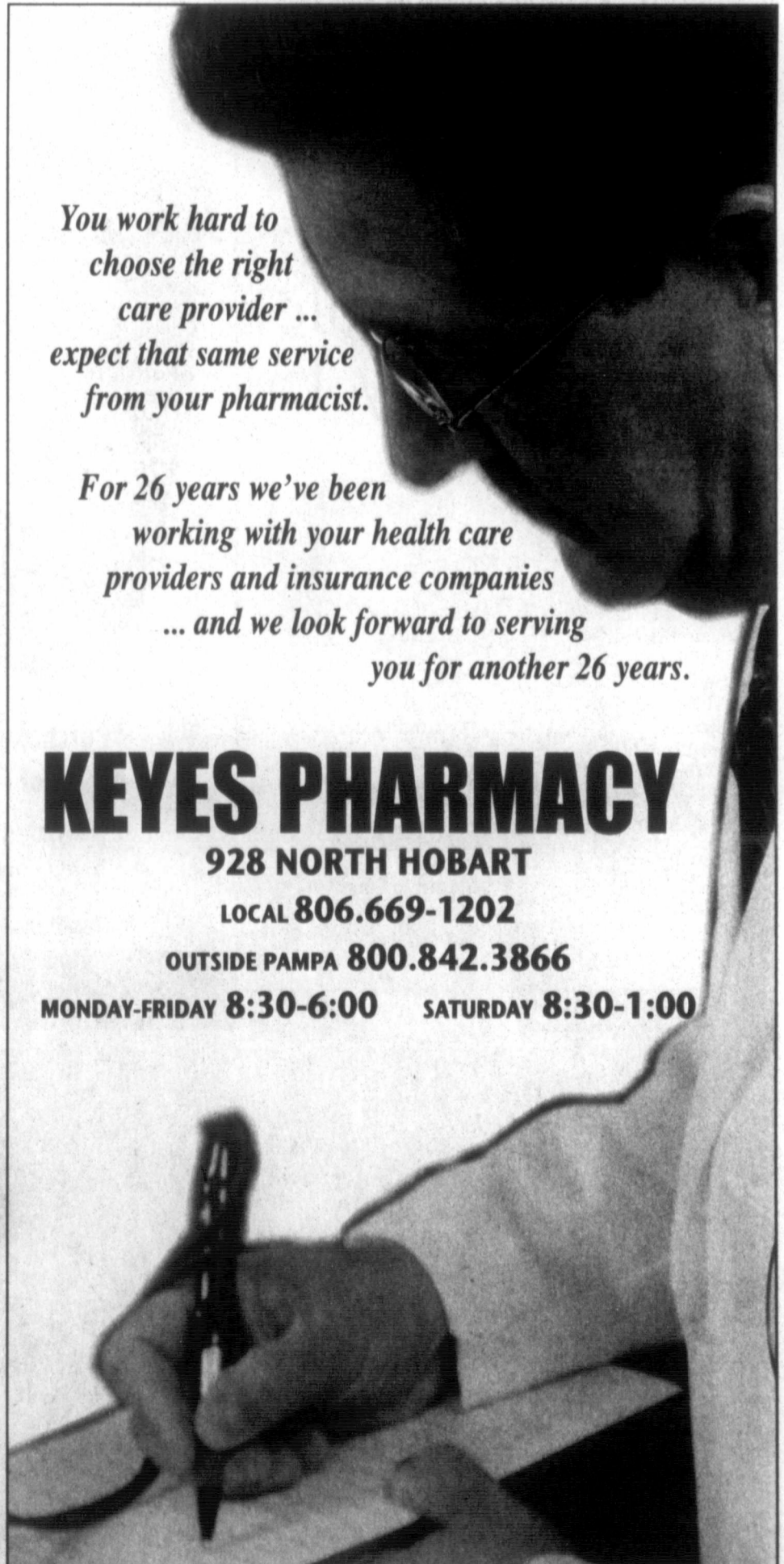
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# Around town

## Cantrells celebrate 60th



Jim and Joyce Cantrell of Pampa celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 30, 2009, at the First Baptist Church of Pampa. The event was celebrated at the wedding reception of their youngest grand daughter, Lindsey Ammons. Jim married the former Joyce Carder on June 1, 1949. Jim was employed at Celanese Chemical Corporation for 37 years. Joyce worked for the Medical-Surgical Clinic of Dr. Frank Kelley, Dr. Don Lang and at MHRM, spanning a career of 25 years. They have been members of the First Baptist Church in Pampa for 60 years. Jim volunteers at the Optimist Club in Pampa. Children of the couple are Randy and Norma Cantrell of Spring, Tx and Dale and Lee Ann Ammons of Pampa. They have two granddaughters, Leslee and husband, Rocky Diffendaffer, of Canyon, and Lindsey and husband, Kyle Mickley of Elgin, Ok.

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## Hidden Hills Senior Scramble results— July 15

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Hidden Hills Seniors Scramble 7-15-09 | J. Ashford          |
| First Place-56                        | J. McGuire          |
| G. McGabe                             | Fifth Place-61      |
| J. Harvey                             | R. Baker            |
| M. Frye                               | A. Bolton           |
| Hinkle                                | J. Magry            |
| Second Place-58                       | J. Lee              |
| R. Parnell                            | Sixth Place-61      |
| J. Cantrell                           | J. Brasheers        |
| B. Harwood                            | Dunham              |
| J. Stringer                           | J. South            |
| Third Place-60                        | O. Sargeant         |
| W. White                              | Seventh Place-62    |
| J. Gilbert                            | B. King             |
| B.M Millican                          | Albus               |
| H. Musgrave                           | J. Davis            |
| B. Brandon                            | S. Cox              |
| Fourth Place-60                       | Closest to Pin #6   |
| P. Montoya                            | Bill King           |
| Johson                                | Closest to Pin # 15 |
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**Thursday July 23**  
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Green beans  
Mac & cheese  
Baked beans  
Slaw, tossed salad, Jell-o salad  
Strawberry cake or lemon pie  
Hot rolls or cornbread

**Wednesday—** Roast Beef Brisket/Brown Gravy or Cooks Choice

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Fried okra  
Carrots  
Butter beans  
Slaw, tossed salad, Jell-o salad  
Boston cream pie or coconut cream pie  
Hot rolls or cornbread

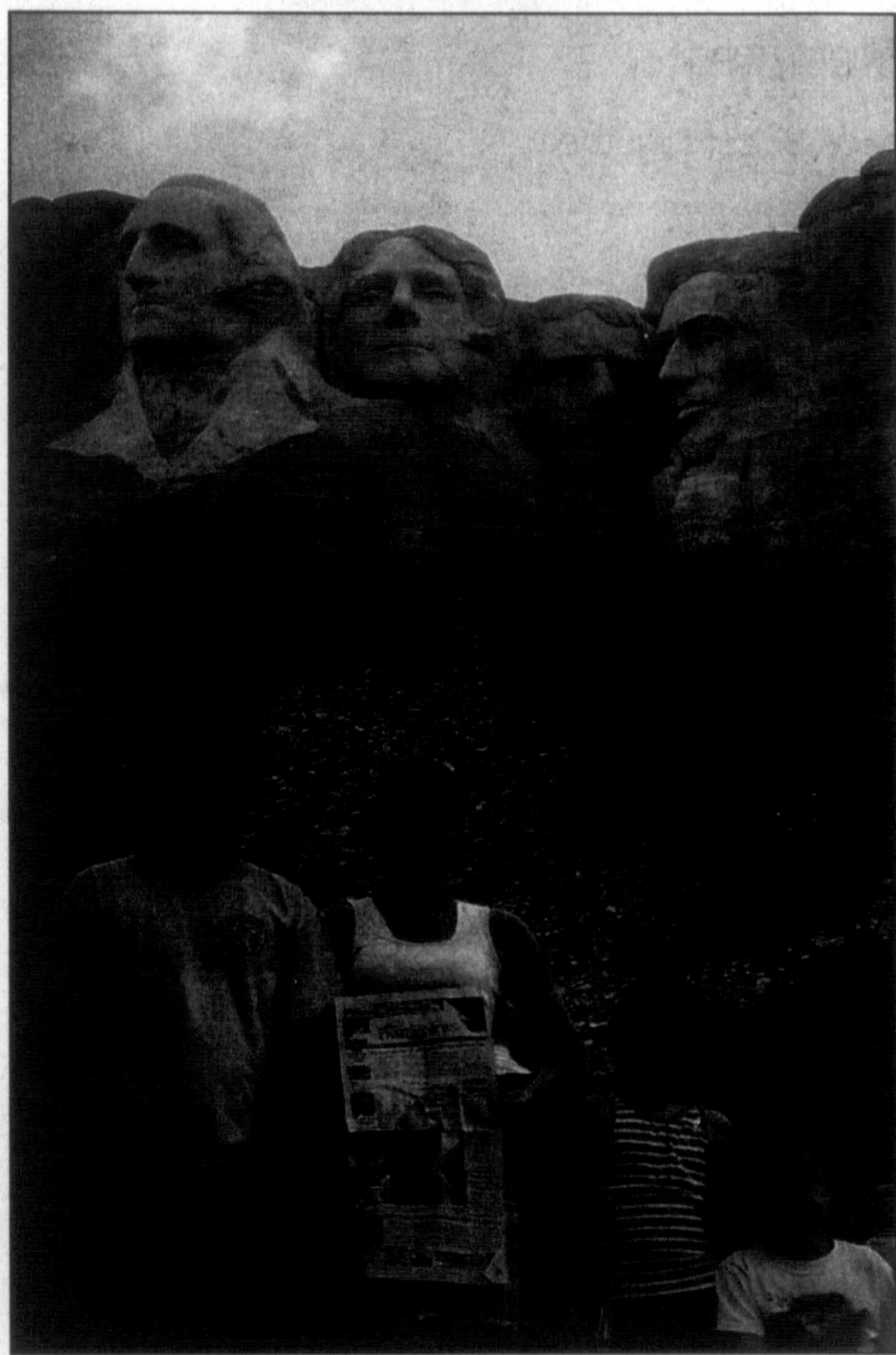
**Thursday—** Chicken Strips or Pepper steak/Rice  
Tator tots  
Creamed corn

Beets  
Pinto beans  
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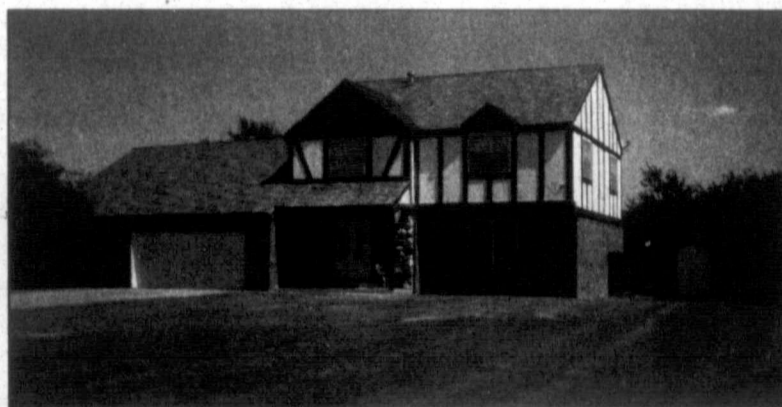


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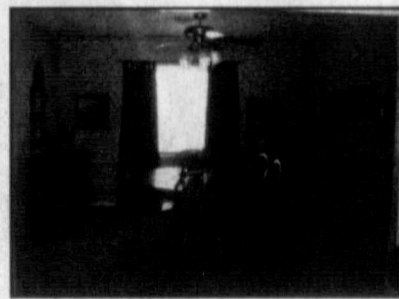
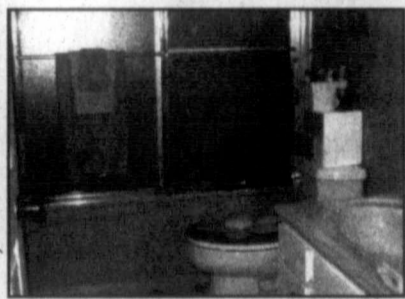
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# At 6 mph, Darrell Gwynn still presses on

**TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP Sports Writer

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — The phone is ringing in Darrell Gwynn's office, which is filled with reminders of a life that nearly ended two decades ago. From his windows, he sees cars being built and fiddled with in the garage, where stacks of racing tires are piled almost to the roof.

The former champion drag racer maneuvers his wheelchair toward the phone. With his right hand — his only hand — he pushes a button to lift the receiver an inch from the cradle. His wife is on the other end, they chat about lunch for a couple minutes, he presses the button again and the phone hangs up.

"Sorry," Gwynn says, directing his chair away from the desk. "Important stuff."

It's all important stuff these days for Gwynn, whose driving career ended forever on April 15, 1990, when his dragster smashed into a wall on a track in England and became an instant fireball. Gwynn was paralyzed from the chest down, had to have his left arm amputated and easily could have died from his numerous injuries.

Today, he's the driving force behind the Darrell Gwynn Foundation, a nonprofit group that is involved with research, prevention and treatment of spinal cord injuries and other debilitating illnesses. It's a multifaceted organization, best known in the racing community for providing motorized wheelchairs — costing \$20,000 and up — to patients that need them most and have nowhere to turn.

No more going 300 mph. He's quite content in his chair's top speed, about 6



In this photo released by the Darrell Gwynn Foundation, Alyssa Hagstrom, 5, sits with Darrell Gwynn, right, at the conclusion of the Hot Rods & Reels fishing tournament at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. The Darrell Gwynn Foundation, a multi-faceted nonprofit organization, is best known in the racing community for providing motorized wheelchairs — costing \$20,000 and up — to patients that need them the most and have nowhere to turn. (AP Photo/Darrell Gwynn Foundation, Jim Donnelly)

mph. "He is one of those people that makes you count your blessings every morning when you wake up," said NASCAR standout Tony Stewart, both a contributor to and a board member at Gwynn's foundation. "Every time that you see Darrell, it makes you put your life in perspective."

The foundation was started in 2002, 12 years after that fateful crash. Gwynn acknowledges that there were days when he lacked the urge to keep fighting, overcome by the anger surrounding his situation. Instead of showers taking 10 minutes, they now take 90. Someone needs to

feed him, tend to him, care for him almost around the clock. Some days, it was simply too much to handle.

And then he'd go to the track, where he'd hear the story of someone else with a serious spinal cord injury.

"When I got hurt, there were a lot of people coming to the racetrack in really, really shoddy equipment, asking me questions that I couldn't even answer, showing up in just the rickiest vans and everything else," Gwynn said. "So we thought we can probably help some of these people, and there's a niche. There's things we do that no other

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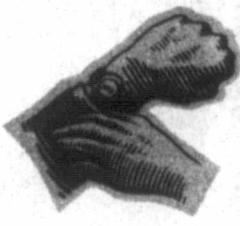
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# Bliss back in Texas again after Baylor scandal

OVILLA, Texas (AP) — Former basketball coach Dave Bliss is back in Texas after hiding from a scandal that started with a player's killing and snared Bliss in a web of lies and financial shenanigans.

The one-time Baylor coach spent time in North Dakota and Colorado before returning to be near his first grandchild. Basketball seems to be far behind him, yet he is now candidly discussing what went wrong in Waco — and shouldering the blame.

On a Sunday in late spring, he brought his testimony to a suburban Dallas pulpit.

"I've heard all the things, sometimes secondhand, about how bad a person I am," Bliss told the congregation at the First Baptist Church of Ovilla. "I heard about stuff on ESPN. But I did an autopsy on myself. They were wrong.

"I was worse than that."

Wearing a dark sports coat and khaki slacks, the 65-year-old Bliss laid out his indiscretions and their repercussions. The sins of a biblical figure (King David), a disgraced sports star (Roger Clemens), a politician (Richard Nixon) and another Texas scandal (Enron) — all were cathartic analogies for Bliss.

"I allowed the competitive world of college athletics to compromise my beliefs," Bliss said. "I shamed my family, I shamed my school, I shamed my profession and I blasphemed my faith."

When he finished, the congregation gave Bliss a standing ovation.

"Some of them knew the story and some didn't know who Dave Bliss was," said Lynn Shortnacy, a longtime Southwest Conference basketball referee who helped set up his friend's visit. "I was excited that people were

excited. It wasn't because of Dave, but because of his story."

And it's quite a story. A former assistant to Bob Knight, Bliss won 526 games over 28 years at Oklahoma, SMU and New Mexico before taking over at Baylor in 1999. Four years later, player Patrick Dennehy went missing, then was discovered to have been murdered. A former teammate, Carlton Dotson, later pleaded guilty to killing Dennehy and was sentenced to 35 years in prison.

While that was playing out, Baylor officials discovered that Bliss improperly paid up to \$40,000 in tuition for Dennehy and another player, and that the coaching staff had not reported players' failed drug tests. And, in an attempt to cover his own misdeeds, Bliss asked players and an assistant coach to lie to investiga-

tors by saying Dennehy paid his tuition by dealing drugs; the assistant coach taped that conversation and turned it over to authorities.

Bliss and athletic director Tom Stanton resigned in August 2003, two months after Dennehy's slaying. No criminal charges were filed against Bliss, although the NCAA all but banned him from coaching big-time college basketball again.

Besides the shame the scandal brought to the world's largest Baptist university, the NCAA left the program in tatters, too. Baylor was forced to play a reduced schedule in 2005-06 and is on probation until 2010.

"At Baylor, I didn't have any external pressures," Bliss said. "They took me because they were glad I wanted to coach there. So I can't blame it on anyone else."

After his resignation, Bliss realized that living in Waco or most anywhere in Texas was not an option. He and his wife, Claudia, moved to a suburb of Denver. He later dabbled in coaching, spending one season with the Dakota Wizards of the CBA and last summer going to China with a team from Athletes in Action, a ministry that uses sports as a platform.

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## Gwynn

foundation does."

At this year's Daytona 500, 5-year-old Alyssa Hagstrom of Daytona Beach couldn't care less about the guys zipping around the famous speedway. Instead, she was thrilled to be at the controls of her new \$26,000 chair, provided by Gwynn's foundation.

Just like that, a girl that can't walk because of a rare muscle disorder was on the move.

"It's been a tremendous help for us. It's made a huge difference in her life," said Duane Hagstrom, Alyssa's father. "It's given her independence and allowed her to do things she's never been able to do before, like be around with her sisters, transport herself around, go to the park and play with kids, all those things. It's been tremendous."

Hagstrom tried to get his daughter's chair approved by insurance, which declined to pay. Alyssa was enrolled in a pre-K class through Easter Seals, which told Hagstrom about Gwynn's foundation and steered him toward the application process.

Hagstrom might live in an auto racing capital, but he isn't much of a racing fan. He's a huge Gwynn fan now, though.

"He's got something that limits his ability, but for him to take what he was given, to use that and understand how it affects people and their lives and offer those people possibilities, that's awesome," Hagstrom said. "It means everything to me. He's an awesome guy."

From softball games, fishing tournaments and charity auctions, Gwynn's foundation has raised money plenty of ways over the years. He said it takes about \$2 million annually to keep things running the way he likes, and even in this global economic downturn, the foundation is flourishing.

It's his full-time job, too. He was a team owner for several years after the crash, but the foundation is his constant passion now. Earlier this month, after spending the July 4 weekend at the NASCAR race at Daytona won by Stewart — "Was up till 2 in the morning taking pictures with Tony in the winner's circle, too," Gwynn said — he and his family packed up for a two-week vacation.

Gwynn is 48 years old. It was the first two-week vacation of his life.

"There's a lot of times you do charity events and

money gets raised and you know what the amount that's going to be donated is, and that's kind of the end of it," Stewart said. "But with Darrell's foundation, every event you see a little boy or a little girl or a young person receive a new wheelchair and you see instantly the gratification on their face and knowing that the quality of their life is going to be better."

Gwynn doesn't know how much longer his foundation will be running. In a perfect world, it would shut down because no one would need a new chair or money for more research, although he knows that isn't the reality.

So he presses on. There's a slew of events in the works for the remainder of 2009, capped by NASCAR's championship weekend at Homestead this fall, and he's already planning a series of events commemorating the 20-year anniversary of the end of his driving career. He's even talking about going back to England and thanking the doctors who saved his life.

"I've got one bad memory," Gwynn said. "I've got a lot of great memories."

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# Happy 40th birthday Woodstock baby, if you exist

BETHEL, N.Y. (AP) — Welcome to middle age, Woodstock Baby — if you're really out there.

The babies reportedly born at the Woodstock festival 40 years ago remain the most enduring mystery from that chaotic weekend that defined a generation. Depending on the source, there was one birth on that patch of upstate New York farmland between Aug. 15-17, 1969. Or two. Or three. Or none.

There is some tantalizing evidence. Singer John Sebastian is captured on film announcing that some cat's old lady just had a baby, a kid destined to be far out. A couple of surviving eyewitnesses say there were births. The concert's medical director told reporters at the scene there were two births: one at a local hospital after the mother was flown out by helicopter; the other in a car caught in the epic traffic jam outside the site crowded with more than 400,000 people.

But no one has come forward with a credible public claim of giving birth to a Woodstock baby or being born there. No one has produced proof that it happened. If babies were born at Woodstock, they have lived their lives ignoring — or unaware of — the fact that reporters and researchers have been on their trail for decades.

"I've searched, I've spoken to the doctors and nurses from the main hospitals that were there," said Myron Gittell, who wrote the new medical history, "Woodstock '69: Three Days of Peace, Music, and Medical Care."

Like many before him, he found nothing. "Almost statistically, you'd think if there are a half-million people, and

half of them were women, and 95 percent of them were of childbearing age, and fertile, and active. Just statistically, someone would have had to pop a baby."

Problem is: No one has been able to dig up a birth record.

Rita Sheehan, town clerk for Bethel, which hosted the concert, said there is no local birth certificate on record. Still, it's possible the birth was recorded in one of the surrounding towns. Gittell says there were births recorded in neighboring towns in that period, but the records are sealed under state privacy laws. There's no way to check whether the birth mothers were locals or out-of-towners (the likely pool of Woodstock Moms).

That leaves a few eyewitness accounts, like that of Gladys Devaney, who was a member of the volunteer ambulance corps in nearby Liberty. She answered an ambulance call to a tent at the festival and saw a young woman in labor. Her overriding concern then was that other medical workers took her stretcher as they rushed the woman away. But Devaney knew labor when she saw it.

"I heard her screaming," Devaney said. "I didn't get a good look at her, she was thrashing."

Devaney never found out whether they took the young woman to a waiting helicopter or somewhere else.

Elliot Tiber, the subject of Ang Lee's new movie, "Taking Woodstock," tops Devaney. He says he helped deliver a baby that weekend.

Tiber, who has a reputation for being a raconteur, said the woman gave birth at his parent's hotel near the site, which — like the



This 1969 file photo shows the crowd at the Woodstock Music and Arts Festival held on a 600-acre pasture in the Catskill Mountains near White Lake in Bethel, N.Y., (AP Photo, file)

entire area that weekend — was mobbed. The woman wore a leather jacket, came in on a motorcycle and just flopped down.

"I see she's starting to give birth," Tiber recalled. "It was like the quote from 'Gone With the Wind': 'I don't know nothing about birthing no babies, Miss Scarlet' ... I was screaming, just screaming. Everybody was standing around stoned saying, 'Yeah, groovy!' They thought it was cool."

Tiber said the baby was taken away, though the mother came by in a cab a few weeks later with her baby in a blanket. He didn't get any names. He never heard from them again.

After four decades, the Woodstock baby trail has gotten colder. The young people who packed into Woodstock are retirement age now. A number of the emergency and medical workers involved, including the concert's medical director, Dr. William Abruzzi, are dead. And if a baby was born onsite, there are curious gaps in the record.

Press accounts at the time mentioning the births did not provide names. Abruzzi wrote an exhaustive account of the event in which he tallied six pages of medical incidents over the three days. The paper, now in the collection of the Museum at Bethel Woods, the onsite museum, does not mention a single child-birth.

If you are a Woodstock baby or a Woodstock mother, please consider contacting The Associated Press at woodstockbaby@ap.org.

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## Bliss

Then, last September, Bliss' daughter made him a grandfather. The arrival of granddaughter, Brynn, was enough to draw the couple back to Texas, to the town of Kyle, about 20 miles south of Austin and 120 miles from Waco.

"I think all grandparents love to be near their grandchild," Bliss said. "We love Texas regardless. It seemed to be a perfect place to be."

Bliss first got the idea about moving back during a trip to San Antonio for the 2008 Final Four, when he spoke at an Athletes in Action gathering to a large group of coaches. His topic: the pressures of college basketball.

"The guy is a dynamic speaker," Shortnacy said. "When he walks up to the platform and starts talking, he captivates everyone's attention."

It's why Shortnacy invited him to Ovilla.

In a gymnasium converted into a church, Bliss paced on a long stage where the scorer's table and the sideline benches might be. He held a Bible and recounted his role in the Baylor saga.

"The decision I made in the twinkling of an eye has had an effect not only on Dave Bliss, but on all the people and the school," Bliss said. "The peripheral fallout has occurred and there have been tremendous consequences."

There's also been a tremendous turnaround in Baylor basketball.

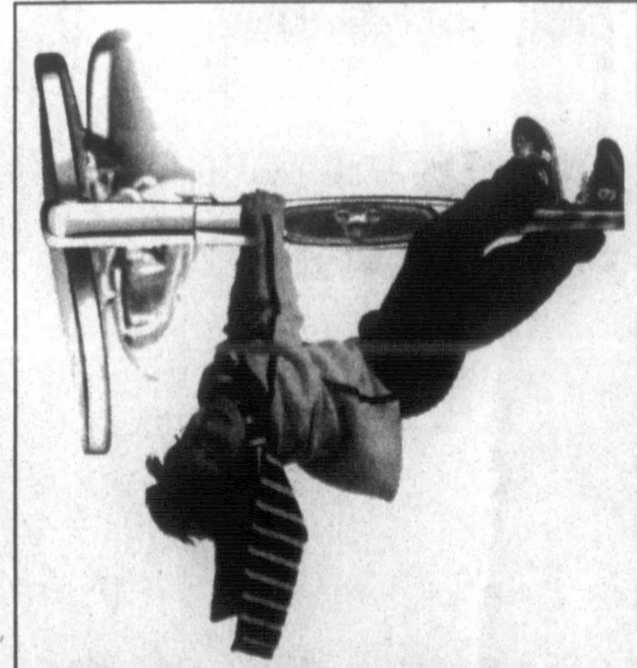
Despite all the limitations, Bliss' successor, Scott Drew, guided the Bears into the NCAA tournament for the first time in 20 years in 2008. This past season, they were briefly ranked in the Top 25 and wound up reaching the NIT title game.

That success, coupled with the six years that have passed since Dennehy's death, have likely eased the anger many feel toward Bliss. Still, he realizes there are skeptics who

wonder why he's going around talking about those dark days.

"I'm not trying to change anybody's mind," Bliss said. "The second chance doesn't necessarily mean you're trying to change people's mind. The second chance is to do it the way God would have you do it."

The group Bliss wants to counsel most is young coaches. He believes his experience can help them realize coaching is more than just winning or losing.



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# Midyear check: 7 resolutions for financial success

CHICAGO (AP) — Summertime and the livin' is easy, which often means letting decisions about your finances slide. Who wants to think about tedious money matters during vacations and down time?

But this year in particular, it may be a good idea to sit down and reset some things as midyear statements roll in.

The dust from the market crash has largely settled, and government decision-makers are in the midst of taking actions that will reverberate throughout the economy, the markets and beyond. You want to be prepared for the consequences.

Summer also is generally a golden opportunity for those willing to use some of their extra time to tighten their finances.

"It's like the fable of the ant and the grasshopper," said Eleanor Blayney, consumer advocate for the nonprofit Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards. "The grasshopper fiddles away the summer while the ant puts away food for the winter. Which one do you want to be?"

Be an ant, at least for a little while, when it comes to your financial affairs this summer.

Here are seven midyear financial resolutions, as recommended by certified financial planners, that should pay off in the long run:

**1. REVIEW FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STRATEGY.** If you're among the many who have developed a habit of not opening account statements or delay looking at them since the market crash, it's time to break it.

It's not just that stocks have bounced strongly higher since early March, making midyear statements tolerable to look at. Disengagement can lead to bad things while your investments are on autopilot — portfolios can get out of whack, becoming too risky or conservative for your situation.

Besides looking at recent results, make sure your holdings and investment allocations still make sense in this economy. And rethink your strategy periodically from now on, either on your own or with a planner's help.

"Don't just assume you can throw money into an indexing strategy, or a couple of actively managed funds, and let them go," said Ron Myers of Associated Financial Consultants in

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "That may not be the case any more."

**2. BECOME MORE AWARE.** As part of a financial reawakening, it's a good idea to watch political and legislative actions more closely because federal and state officials are reshaping your future on many fronts.

Your investments, taxes, insurance and health care all face changes from a variety of pending or expected proposals: a health care overhaul, Social Security and Medicare reform and some states' income tax increases among them.

**3. BUILD UP YOUR EMERGENCY FUND.** The Great Recession and still-rising unemployment have increased the urgency of having at least six months' minimal living expenses set aside. The average length of official unemployment is now 24½ weeks and rising — the longest since the government began compiling that data in 1948.

Besides serving as a cushion in case of job loss or disability, it could also help provide the freedom to try a new line of work. "This job market is giving people an opportunity now to pursue what they love doing," said Susan Spraker of Spraker Wealth Management in Maitland, Fla. "People lose sight of the silver lining of second chances."

**4. COMMIT TO SAVE MORE.** Put in writing how much you intend to save between now and the end of the year. Then begin working toward that goal by paying more attention to your spending.

If you made a New Year's resolution to save more but things haven't quite worked out the way you thought, you still have plenty of time to do it before year's end.

"It starts by knowing how much you're spending and where you're spending it," said Glenda Kemple of Kemple Capital in Dallas. "It is a rare family that I find that doesn't have some money falling through the cracks."

It doesn't have to be a lot. The National Foundation for Credit Counseling advises socking away just an additional \$20 a week. That will give you \$500 by year's end — enough to either help significantly with short-term expenses or to put toward retirement or some other long-term goal.

**5. DO AN INSURANCE CHECKUP.** Review all insurance policies to make

sure they aren't about to lapse and are at appropriate levels. You may be underinsured or overinsured if a number of years have passed since you purchased a policy or last checked it.

"It's just like going to the doctor and getting a physical, where they check your blood pressure and weight," said Peter Leppones, a certified financial planner with Life Plans of New England. "Get out the policy, dust it off and sit down with your agent or your planner." Or do it yourself. Switching to higher deductibles on auto, home or homeowners insurance is a quick way to save. Life insurance you bought 15 years ago may be either insufficient given changes in your living situation or unnecessary if your children are grown and you're nearing

retirement.

For answers on questions about how much insurance coverage you need, go to [www.iii.org](http://www.iii.org) — the Web site of the Insurance Information Institute, a New York-based industry group.

**6. BE REALISTIC ABOUT EDUCATION SPENDING.** Don't start shifting contributions from retirement to college to make up for losses in your 529 plan or other tuition monies from the market meltdown. Make sure you can achieve your retirement objectives first.

Establish a budget and let your children know that anything above that is for them to pay. Make sure the money will be well-spent, too.

"If they have had mediocre high school grades, why not let them prove

themselves at a less expensive venue like a junior (community) college?" said Kevin Meehan of Summit Wealth Advisors in Itasca, Ill.

**7. PREPARE FOR A ROTH CONVERSION.** Start setting aside money now for taxes you will need to pay to convert your Individual Retirement Account to a Roth in 2010. That's when income limits expire that now bar mil-

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## NM teacher to embark on Arctic adventure

BLOOMFIELD, N.M. (AP) — A teacher's summer vacation usually doesn't include trips to the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics and The Polar Bear Capital of the world.

Then again, Kathy Price hasn't had an idle summer since 1991. The longtime Bloomfield teacher is a regular participant in summer workshops, projects and fellowships, but this year is different.

This year, she's going to the Arctic.

Price is traveling in September to Churchill, Canada, as a volunteer for the environmental nonprofit Earthwatch.

She'll stay for 11 days to study climate change.

"I'm going to be gathering data for 11 days in the morning, and then inputting it in the afternoon, and then using Skype to connect back with kids live from the field," she said.

Skype, a free Internet phone service, is only one part of Price's many-pronged strategy. She plans to set up a daily blog for students to read and hopes to use the knowledge she gains to start several community projects upon her

return.

The trip isn't directly costing Price a dime, as it's sponsored by HSBC bank.

Churchill, known as The Polar Bear Capital of the world, sits on the shore of Hudson Bay. It's also famous for Beluga whales and the Northern Lights. It took

Price is preceding her Arctic trip by studying online telescopes at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass.

Price left earlier this month for the astrophysics center. She's learning to use an online program to take pictures with a telescope near Tucson, Ariz., and then view the images on a computer.

More importantly, she'll learn how to interpret the pictures in a search for planets.

Once she's trained, Price will have free rein over the online telescope and be able to use it in her school, Mesa Alta Junior High. She plans to use it to teach math and science at the school and at other community centers in San Juan County.

"I want to be more inclusive than exclusive," she said.



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# Space: Is the final frontier all it used to be?

MOON, Pa. (AP) - On July 22, 1969, barely 48 hours after a human being first stepped onto the moon's surface, a community in Pittsburgh's western suburbs called Moon Township had a parade, as suburban communities do. Understandably, Moon had achieved some notoriety in the weeks leading up to Apollo 11's lunar landing. And on this day, it named Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins honorary citizens and lowered an "astronaut" from a hovering helicopter into Moon Park.

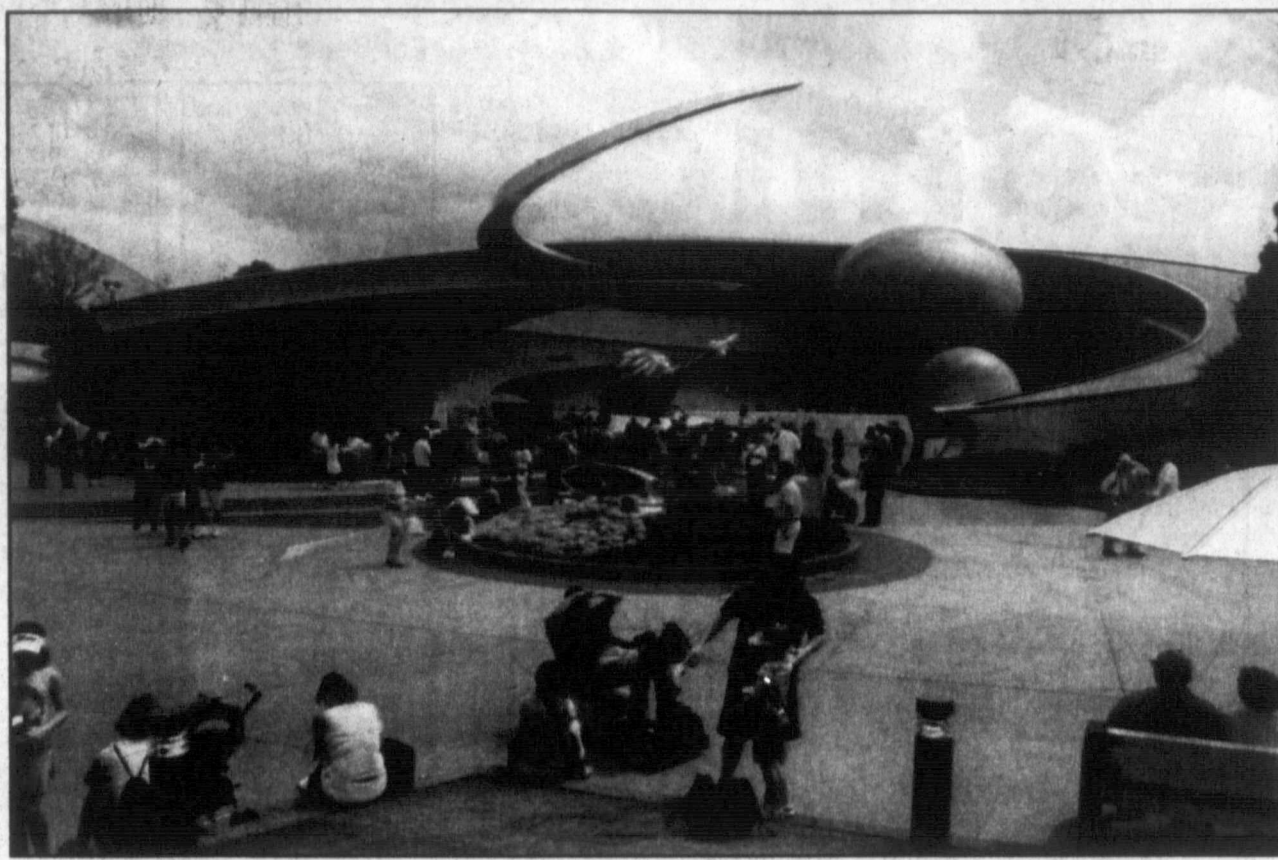
And why not? This was a time of great joy. The Pittsburgh Press was editorializing about the "Moondust Glowing in America's Eyes." The

Foodland supermarket announced a sale that promised "out-of-this-world specials" to customers: "We've gone lunatic!"

Moon was also the home of Pittsburgh's airport, where soaring into the sky in a metal bird remained a romantic notion. These were still the days when, as TWA once put it, you could climb aboard "super-skyliners" that were "sky-clubs by day, skysleepers by night."

We are 40 years older now, we Americans. And many things have changed.

The final Apollo mission came home before Nixon resigned. Skylab fell to Earth. Challenger disintegrated going up, Columbia coming down. Kennedy's New Frontier ethos,



This April 13, 2006 file photo shows visitors outside the Mission: Space attraction at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, FL. (AP Photo/Tony Winton)

catchphrase: "In space, no one can hear you scream."

tion to the ground, rather than the heavens, can be rattled off like a parody of a Billy Joel song. Terrorists. Global warming. Swine flu. Economic collapse. Nukes in North Korea and mass shootings in the heartland.

In Moon, the old airport is gone; its gleaming replacement opened 16 years ago, one township over. Jets still rumble overhead, but airline ads today skip the romance of the skies and emphasize workaday convenience. "Boundless free snacks," says a Jet Blue billboard on nearby I-279.

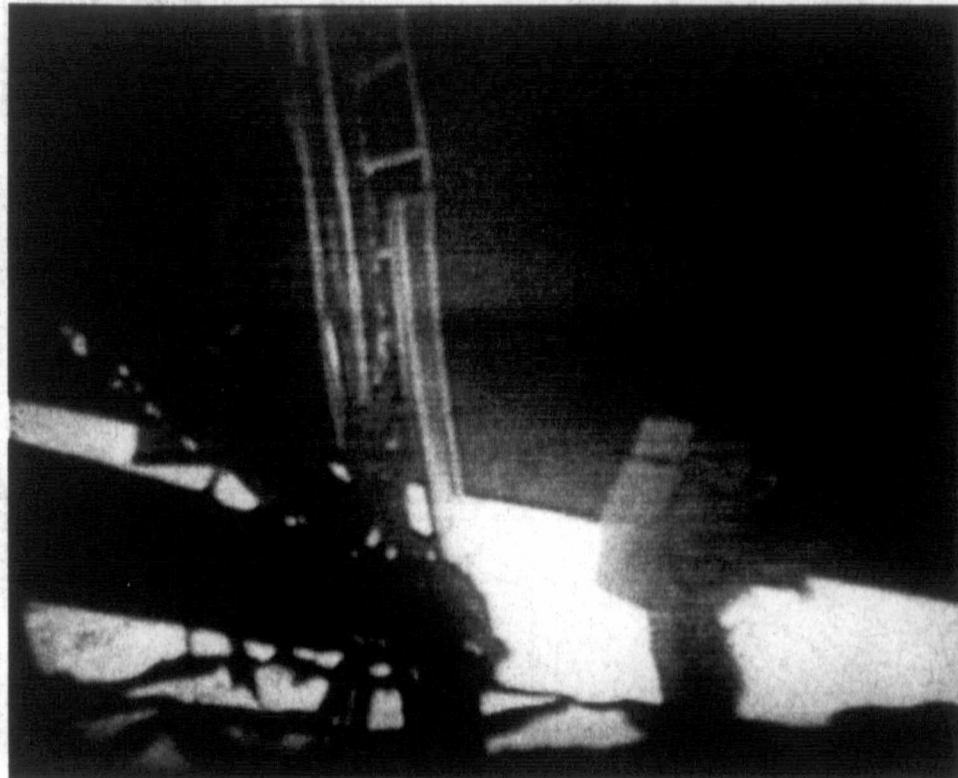
Yet Moon still hopes. In the park, adults eat in the Apollo picnic area while kids cluster in the playground around the spaceship seesaws, the rocket climber, the piece of metal twisted whimsically into an abstract lunar lander. "Explore Our Universe," the township says, a slogan it introduced in 2004.

But is that something that

Americans still desire? Is space, the final frontier, still the American place to aim for? Or when it comes to exploring the stars, was Yogi Berra right when he said that the future ain't what it used to be?

"At the frontier, the bonds of custom are broken, and unrestraint is triumphant."

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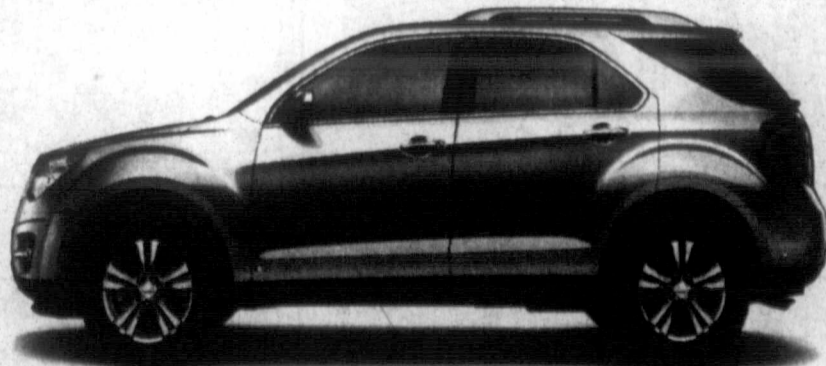
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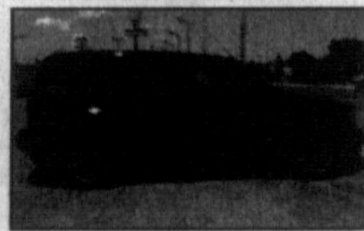


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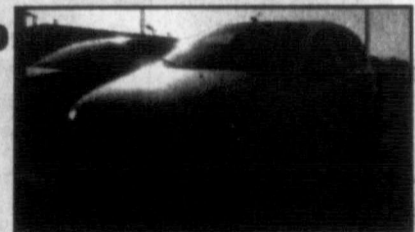
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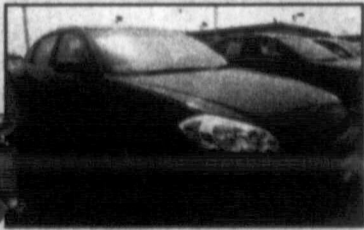


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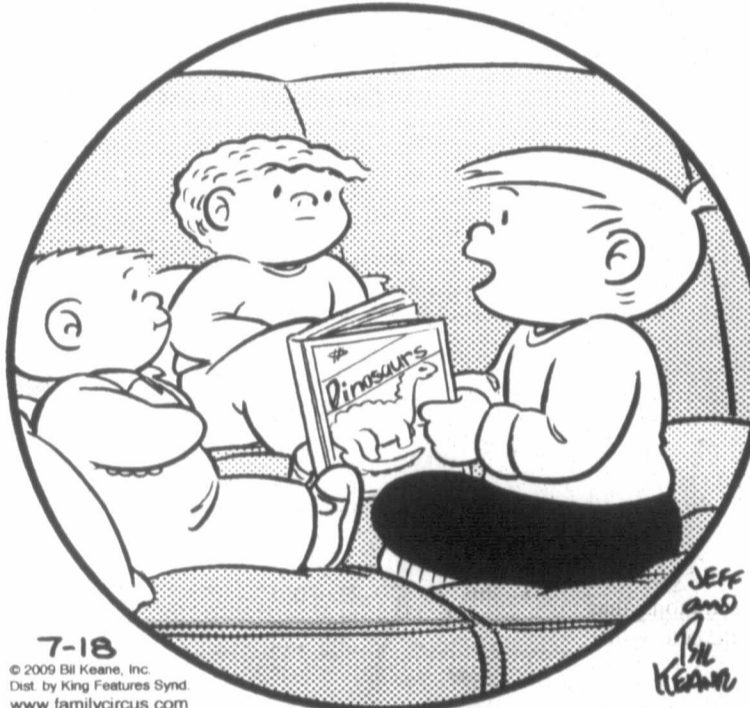
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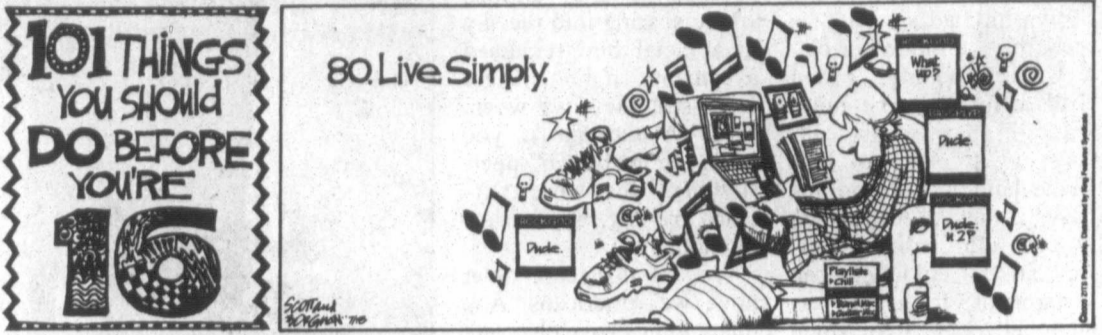


"If the cavemen cooked a dinosaur they'd have leftovers for a year."

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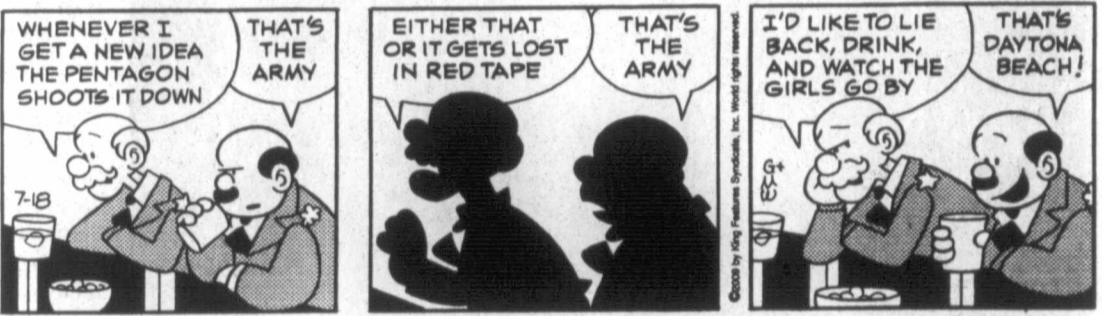
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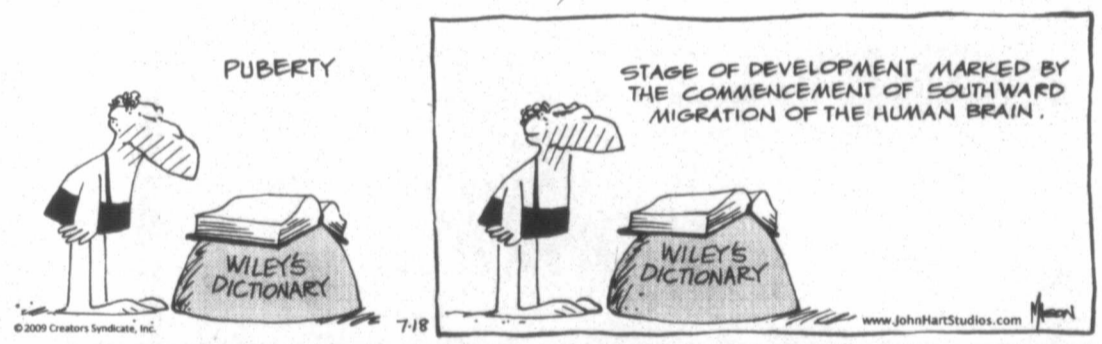
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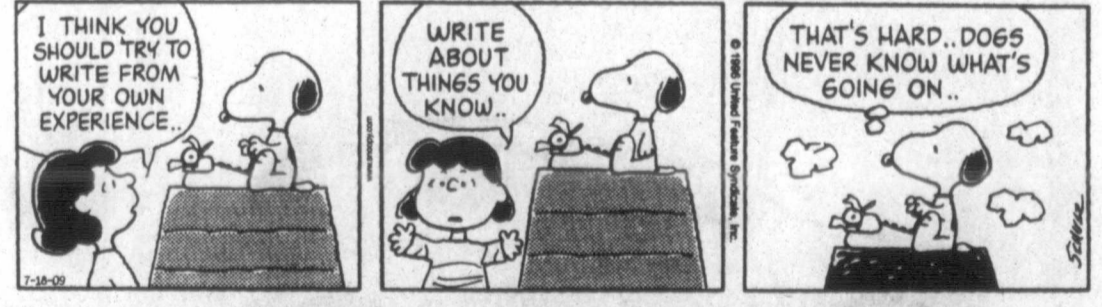
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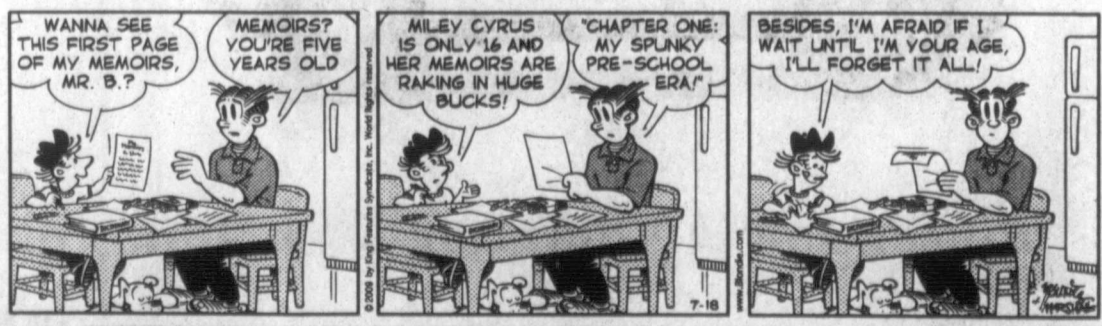
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## Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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  - 10 Mail-order pioneer
  - 12 Concert spot
  - 13 Permit
  - 14 Covets
  - 15 Ring great
  - 16 German article
  - 18 Annual B-ball tourney
  - 19 Fellow player
  - 21 Further
  - 22 Road marking
  - 24 Man, for one
  - 25 River to Khartoum
  - 29 Citi Field's forerunner
  - 30 Concur
  - 32 Engine need
  - 33 List abbr.
  - 34 King topper
  - 35 Met business
  - 37 Zeal
  - 39 Open-sea catches
  - 40 Fishing spots
- DOWN**
- 1 Jacob's father
  - 2 Laid-back
  - 3 A bit faded
  - 4 Hit show letters
  - 5 Forest youngster
  - 6 S&L offering
  - 7 "Imagine" singer
  - 8 Whole
  - 9 Discernment
  - 11 Worry
  - 17 Words of emphasis
  - 20 Leg bone
  - 21 Some skirts
  - 23 Camera accessory
  - 25 Excite
  - 26 Montana capital
  - 27 Guide
  - 28 Concert bonus
  - 29 Chimney grimes
  - 31 Pithy
  - 33 Naturalness
  - 36 Scoundrel
  - 38 Umbrella feature

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# Space: Is the final frontier all it used to be?

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So said Frederick Jackson Turner, the 19th-century historian whose ideas showed Americans how important their frontier experience was to them.

"I wanted to be a spaceman - that's what I wanted to be. But now that I am a spaceman, nobody cares about me." So sang Harry Nilsson, the musician who in 1972 channeled the changing feelings about space exploration in this country.

Today, somewhere between those two absurdly different ideas sits America's attitude about space.

Through the 1950s and 1960s, it was the vast, uncharted place where the American imagination dwelled, pushed by the fear that the Soviets would get there first. The Space Age was everywhere: Even when it was threatening, it was enchanting. Even when it was menacing, it beckoned. Even when it was lampooned ("The Jetsons") or sublimated (car tailfins), it only reflected how deeply entrenched in the culture it truly was.

But today space occupies a very different place in the popular culture.

Our visions of it have become darker, more suspicious, more xenophobic. When a space shuttle launches, many Americans don't really notice unless something goes wrong. In a country defined by its obsession with novelty, often the response is predictably American, the thing that makes us great and weak at the same time: Been there, done that.

We have gone from stirring Kennedy oratory about "landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth" to an ad for Alexia Crunchy Snacks that promises its product is - wait for it - "a giant leap for snack-kind."

We have lapped many of yesterday's visions of tomorrow. "Lost in Space" was set in 1997, "Space: 1999" and "2001: A Space Odyssey" in their own obvious years. So many American futures are now in the past.

We have traded optimism

for even the more horrific sci-fi of the 1950s generally operated on the presumption that America would, should, engage with space. To the creeping menace manifest in "The X-Files," after which you ended up wishing that anything unearthly would just go away.

Pick up a fresh copy of the rebooted, reconstituted, reconfigured comic-book tales of "Flash Gordon" and "Buck Rogers" and a far more malignant vision of a spacefaring future snacks you upside the head. Even the Superman myth has been retooled, in the TV show "Smallville," to include "meteor freaks" and Kryptonians who seem more at home in a Wes Craven movie than Clark Kent's backyard.

Even in this summer's new "Star Trek" movie, the culture's most optimistic take on space travel, Dr. Leonard "Bones" McCoy's usually cheerful cantankerousness plumbs its deepest reaches yet: "Space," he grouches, "is disease and danger wrapped in darkness and silence."

What happened here?

"The wonder has been tapped out," says Jeff Bigley, who runs a comic-book store north of Pittsburgh called Arkham Gift Shoppe (its slogan is "We have issues").

"It's kind of gotten out of the culture," says Bigley, 38. "It seems like there's no new frontier. We made it to the moon and haven't been back in years. Until they start doing more than just putting down a flag, orbiting the Earth just isn't all that exciting."

In fact, some of the more exciting prospects about space travel are coming from private industry. At the so-called "space tourism" initiatives that entrepreneurs are increasingly putting forward. But publicly funded space travel? These days, Americans seem unsure.

Though Gallup polls in recent years show a generally positive attitude toward NASA, attitudes about space exploration itself are mixed.

In 2006, nearly half of Americans polled said the money spent on the space shuttle program would have been better used elsewhere. And in 2004, shortly after President George W. Bush

outlined a program to return the United States to the moon and push on to Mars, 23 percent of Americans said the government should be spending less money on space exploration; 13 percent said it shouldn't be funded at all.

"With space exploration, there's no one championing this next generation," says Alex Shear, a professional collector and curator of Americana and consumer goods, much of it from the post-World War II "Space Age."

"After they went up there, there was something anticlimactic about it," Shear says. "You can't have this all on the back burner. Keep it on the front burner. Keep the heat up. And you'll have something that's quintessentially American that we deserve to celebrate."

As it happens, there is another Pittsburgh suburb - this one a bit north of the city - called Mars.

Here, the various sports teams are named the Planets, the Meteors, the Martians, the Invaders. A flying saucer, complete with antenna and looking straight out of a Sputnik-era double feature, sits at the corner of Pittsburgh Street and Grand Avenue, just up the road from the Planet Mart.

Ask Jackie Bushee, 12, who attends Mars Area Middle School, what she makes of America's future in space and you'll get a wise answer that, as with so many Americans when it comes to this topic, mixes optimism with skepticism.

About the Apollo 11 landing she says this: "I had to study it last year in sixth grade for science. And no one really cared." Later, she adds: "Kids my age aren't worried about where we are going. We are worried about where we are right now."

But ask her about going somewhere else - Mars, say. At a different story emerges. "I think that would be really cool. The moon just seems so boring and easy to get to. Mars, that's something different."

Something different. How very American: we want to be inspired anew. We hunger for it. And though it

hasn't felt urgent in many years, space remains in position to feed that American urge for the next big thing, for pushing outward, for testing ourselves and renewing at the edges.

Doubt it? Visit the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum on a Saturday morning - but only if you like big crowds.

Walk past an actual Apollo landing module and think: How in heaven did we land on the moon in something like this? It looks like a foil-and-tarpaper float built for a homecoming parade.

Marvel at the tiny Mercury Friendship 7 capsule, which carried John Glenn into orbit. And then, if you can get to the front of the circle of people ringing it, stand in front of the actual Apollo 11 command module, Columbia.

Then pause, and listen to the voices around you.

"... actual re-entry capsule ..."

"... Collins stayed in the command module ..."

"... looks like a beehive on the bottom ..."

"... can't believe someone did that ..."

In German and Chinese, Japanese and Hindi and, yes, American English, they marvel still at this conical piece of mottled metal that traveled so far. They pose for pictures, shoot video. As they suck on gift-shop candy Shuttle Pops, they reach up to touch Columbia's plastic casing as if they're touching the stars.

We can say that America's space dreams haven't felt urgent for a long time, and we'd have a point. We can say that Bush's 2004 promise to aim for Mars fell flat, and it did. But to these folks, it is all so real and can be again. The embers can be rekindled.

In a new book called "Rocket Men: The Epic Story of the First Men on the Moon," author Craig Nelson ends with a summons that insists it all still matters, that the urgency is still there and should be harnessed as it once was.

"Shouldn't a nation as rich, as energetic, as brilliant and as ingenious as the United States, at a nation founded by explorers, at always be ready for new

frontiers?" he asks.

Sure, we can embed our space nightmares in the latest episode of "Battlestar Galactica" and our dormant space dreams in the continually reimagined landscape of Disney's Tomorrowland. But the fact remains that Americans went into space, landed on the moon and returned safely to Earth. And with that stick-to-itiveness, why not Mars? Why not beyond? Why not anything?

That's the whole point of space travel, after all, when you get right down to it.

Science benefits, defense benefits, even theology benefits. But what it's really all about - for average, non-spacefaring Americans, at

least - is what it always comes back to: that immigrant drive to push outward to a place where the bonds of custom are broken, unrestrained is triumphant and many things are possible. The notion of the Next Big Thing, magnified a million times beyond any scale that even the biggest thinkers of the American story ever dreamed.

And there to contemplate the infinite, as David Bowman the astronaut did when he uttered his awe-struck words in "2001: A Space Odyssey."

"My God," he said. "It's full of stars." It still is, and it waits for us. No matter how long it takes.

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

### Boyfriend questions wisdom of long-distance commitment

DEAR ABBY:

I am a 20-year-old woman who has been in a committed relationship with my boyfriend, "Ian," for three years. I attend a university out of the country, so our relationship is mostly long-distance. We are in love and have discussed a future after I graduate. Ian says I'm the reason he has goals and wants to live a meaningful life.

Every now and then he says he's afraid that he is holding me back -- that because I'm so committed to him I am missing out on some of the most important experiences I could have at the university. I have told Ian I'm happy with what we have and wouldn't trade it. If I wasn't with him, I would probably see other men, but more sexual freedom wouldn't make me happier. All my single friends say they would rather have what I have.

Our relationship means far more to me than the odd fling would. Ian says he has no desire to be with other women, but he's afraid I don't know what I want because I haven't had experience with other men. How can I convince him that this is what I really want? -- DECISIVE IN SCOTLAND

DEAR DECISIVE:

Tell your boyfriend that while some women may enjoy quantity, you have an eye for quality, and he is the grand prize you have waited for all your life. Then tell him you're a one-man woman, and he's stuck with you. (This should do the trick, unless he's projecting his own feelings of ambivalence onto you.)

DEAR ABBY:

In May 2001, you printed my letter alerting former prisoners of war and their widows to the special veterans' benefits available to them from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The response was great; many former POWs and their dependents now have their VA benefits because of that column.

Now, as chairman of VA outreach for American Ex-Prisoners of War, I write to alert all veterans (not just former POWs) of a recent VA ruling.

On Sept. 23, 2008, Lou Gehrig's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, was made a presumptive condition for all veterans who served in our armed forces for at least 90 days.

This means that the widows of those veterans who died of Lou Gehrig's disease in years past are eligible for the VA widows' monthly benefit, which is very substantial. Many people are not aware that a veteran's death due to this disease is now considered service-connected. One claim I handled recently involved an ALS death 46 years ago, in 1963.

Thank you for your help in getting the word out, Abby. -- FRED CAMPBELL, AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR

DEAR FRED:

I'm pleased to help you and America's veterans once again. Readers, Fred welcomes inquiries at 3312 Chatterton Drive, San Angelo, TX 76904. He can also be e-mailed at fredrev@webtv.net.

DEAR ABBY:

I am 8 years old. My mom told me our neighbor's dog was old and sick, so he had to put his dog to sleep. I hate this. I know it is what is best for the dog, but I can't stop thinking about it. How can I get over this? -- HENRY IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

DEAR HENRY:

Your neighbor's dog was put on this earth to run and play and enjoy his doggie life. When an animal is no longer able to do that and spends his days and nights in pain, then the kind -- but very difficult -- thing for a pet guardian to do is to let him go. Being put to sleep was a gentle way to go, and when you think about your neighbor's dog, you should remind yourself of that.

## Where were you when Apollo 11 landed? Not born yet

by Seth Borenstein  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans have never known a world where man hasn't been to the moon.

It used to be a given that people knew where they were when man first walked on the moon on July 20, 1969, watching the black-and-white images on television. But now most Americans don't know

where they were because the majority of Americans hadn't been born yet.

The median age of Americans, as of last year, was 36.8, meaning more than half of U.S. residents are younger than 40, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. No figures have been calculated for this year yet.

Five years ago, when NASA celebrated the 35th anniversary of the moon

landing, the median age of Americans was 36.1, so most residents were at least alive when Armstrong made his giant leap for mankind.

That changed sometime between July 2005 and July 2006, according to the Census Bureau.

Six current astronauts were not alive when Armstrong walked on the moon, including Christopher Cassidy, a crew member of the upcoming mission on the space shuttle Endeavour.

"It tells us time passes," Smithsonian Institution space curator Roger Launius said. "You've got under 40 people all over the place."



In this July 20, 1969 file photo, Astronaut Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., lunar module pilot, is photographed walking near the lunar module during the Apollo 11 extravehicular activity. (AP Photo, file)

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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# CLASSIFIEDS



## SELL IT FAST IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Monday, July 20, 2009. Often, your life will take strange, unanticipated turns. Your ability to understand will take you in a new direction and keep you out of scalding water. If you feel that a situation is hot, know that there is something you want to release. Take another look at a situation before the battle. What is the real issue for you? For others? By determining this issue, you might decrease your stress level and the possibility of conflict. If you are single, you are the prince or princess of charisma. Let this magic do its work. If you are attached, this year you will have a tendency to be one-sided and somewhat self-centered. Other Cancers can be challenging.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\*\* Center yourself. Others watch chaos disassemble around you. If you are open and willing, many options will come up. You are known for occasional brusqueness. Tonight: Happily head home.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* Keep communication flowing. Think about and consider an offer that might involve a financial investment. The problem might be that you need to spend money when you would prefer not to. Tonight: Hang with a friend.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* If you would like to turn in a different direction, you will have a lot of explaining to do. Your decisions are more conceptual than financial. Realize that others will challenge you. Note the premise of their argument. Tonight:

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Your instincts kick in, especially with a financial risk. Consider other opportunities that head in your direction. Your personality melts others' resistances, though clearly someone creates a lot of frustration in your life. Tonight: As the crow flies, head to fun.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Listen to your inner voice. It is feeding you information. Pressure builds between you and an associate. This person has different ideas. Try out his or her suggestions, and you'll see the possibilities. Ask questions. Tonight: Others appreciate your openness.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Focus on your objectives. Stay centered concerning a project. Know what you want if you are considering a friend's ideas. Different goals could reflect different intentions. Deal with fundamentals, and you'll be on top of your game. Listen to suggestions openly. Tonight: A meeting or talk could be very important.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Take a stand and make sure others receive your ultimate message. If people or associates don't get what you represent, how can they know how valid or effective your concepts are? Verbalize the basics, and have those around you echo what they hear in their own style. Tonight: Out late.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Push your perceptions; work to understand a situation better. Eventually, you'll find a midpoint of agreement. How you handle a friend and your ability to understand and incorporate his or her ideas and identify with him or her add to a better rapport. Tonight: Watch a movie or relax to music.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

key people in your life. Think before you agree to a financial plan, as it could do more than toss your life upside down. Take care of yourself first, despite a strong crosscurrent. Tonight: Listen to a key associate or partner. This person has another take on the same issue.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Do more listening. You could find more information and insights. Be careful if you still feel that your way is the only way, because the response might not be what you calculated. Someone could tell you that it is "my way or the highway." Tonight: Let a partner or friend make the final call.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Focus on completing your job or project. You might get many different takes on which way to go. Remember, the only person who can control you is you. Give up the thought of being controlled or pushed. Tonight: Discover a new stress-buster.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Creativity continues to be your strong suit. Listen to your inner voice with a family member. Understand that a friend could be pushy, but he or she only wants you to support him or her or endorse his or her thoughts. Is there some other way you could add to this person's security? Tonight: Have fun.

**BORN TODAY**  
Singer Kim Carnes (1945), explorer Sir Edmund Hillary (1919), singer Chris Cornell (1964) \*\*\*

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS FOR RELEASE SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2009

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Sunday, July 19, 2009. This year, allow more to remain hidden in different realms. Until you believe information is important, you will tend to let events play out. Often, you find news a bit off or startling. Ask yourself what is happening there. Are you avoiding looking at the facts? If you are single, many people surround you and would love to be your sweetie. Choose the person you most want to be involved with, who makes you feel like you want to feel. If you are attached, with more time together like your first dates, you will bond closely and enjoy each other even more! A fellow Cancer understands you better than you think.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\*\* More social than usual, you enjoy yourself wherever you are, as long as there are people to chat with. The unexpected occurs once more, and you need to deal with an impending insight. Tonight: Make it early.

This Week: Remember close friends and family. Your creativity flows when you are happy.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* Make it OK to spend a little in order to enjoy yourself. It is good to splurge once in a while. A friend could leave you in the lurch. Use a change in plans to squeeze in a better idea. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

This Week: Communicate your ideas and needs, then listen to the responses.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* Know that you emulate charisma and charm today, and have the expectation of getting what you want. You don't need to manipulate; you only need to ask. A boss or someone you look up to is full of surprises. Tonight: Your treat.

This Week: Open up to possibilities. If a plan doesn't work, revamp it rather than let it go.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Kick back and take a day off. You might want to take a nap or curl up with the Sunday paper. You can accomplish a lot, and quite suddenly at that. Honor who you are and what you want. Tonight: Meet friends for a late dinner.

This Week: You hit significant days. An eclipse and a New Moon in your sign late Tuesday encourage a new beginning. Move slowly but deliberately.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* You might find that it is close to impossible not to have a good time as long as you are with friends. Company will be imperative to you enjoying yourself to the max. Spontaneity adds to the fun, as long as no one is too rigid. Tonight: Go until you drop.

This Week: Midweek, the Moon and the Sun move into your sign. Bathe in the warmth.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Sometimes you just need to follow through on a responsibility or someone's request, no matter how uncomfortable you are. Others also could be reactive. Just do what you need to — nothing more, nothing less. Tonight: A must appearance.

This Week: Re-evaluate changes that occur. They will work in your favor, even if you don't see it immediately.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Let your imagination lead in making plans. Calls to those at a distance might be expecting a certain reaction. Be open to letting go of your views. Tonight: Enjoy dinner with a great piece of music.

This Week: Investigate a higher-up's position. It could change, but not right away.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* How you move and the answers you give could be quite contrary. Someone could be questioning your intentions, as it appears you are undermining yourself. A trusted friend or loved one has important feedback. Tonight: Listen to a conversation with an eye to the true communication.

This Week: Keep reaching for new ideas,

even if a resource is cut off.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Others want to share, and you want to listen. You have a tremendous capacity to see beyond the obvious. A family member creates an uproar, and then more uproar. Go with the moment, with humor. Tonight: Go with a request.

This Week: Count on yourself and your ability to find answers.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Share a project or favorite pastime with a child or loved one. Whether you are playing Scrabble or on the beach somewhere makes little difference — you are together and sharing. Tonight: Pitch in.

This Week: Defer to others. You don't have to like their actions or ideas right now. Midweek, an important talk evolves.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Your playfulness takes you into a new realm, and many would like to join you. Why not? You might respond by inviting others along. Creativity just keeps bubbling up, no matter what the setting might be. Tonight: Let the fun and games continue.

This Week: Allow more give-and-take in your actions. Others will become more responsive.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Honor your priorities. Take a timeout for a family member or loved one. Instinctively, you know what this person needs. Don't worry about others' judgments. You know what works. Tonight: Relax and put your feet up.

This Week: Creativity might seem endless, but if you don't support that type of thinking, trouble will abound.

**BORN TODAY**  
Inventor Samuel Colt (1814), baseball player Rick Ankiel (1979), actor Pat Hingle (1924) \*\*\*

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# NASA lost moon footage, but Hollywood restores it

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA could put a man on the moon but lacked the sense to keep the original video of the live TV transmission.

In an embarrassing acknowledgment, the space agency said Thursday that it must have erased the Apollo 11 moon footage years ago so that it could reuse the videotape.

Now Hollywood is coming to the rescue.

The studio wizards who restored "Casablanca" are digitally sharpening and cleaning up the ghostly, grainy footage of the moon landing, making it even better than what TV viewers saw on July 20, 1969. They are doing it by working from four copies that NASA scrounged from around the world.

"There's nothing being created; there's nothing being manufactured," said NASA senior engineer Dick Nafzger, who is in charge of the project. "You can now see the detail that's coming out."

The first batch of restored footage was released just in time for the 40th anniversary of the "one giant leap for mankind," and some of the details seem new because of their sharpness. Originally, astronaut Neil Armstrong's face visor was too fuzzy to be seen clearly. The upgraded video of Earth's first moon-walker shows the visor and a reflection in it.

The \$230,000 refurbishing effort is only three weeks into a monthlong project, and only 40 percent of the work has been done. It shows improvements in four snippets: Armstrong walking down the ladder; Buzz Aldrin following him; the two astronauts reading a plaque they left on the moon; and the planting of the flag on

the lunar surface.

Nafzger said a huge search that began three years ago for the old moon tapes led to the "inescapable conclusion" that 45 tapes of Apollo 11 video were erased and reused. His report on that will come out in a few weeks.

The original videos beamed to Earth were stored on giant reels of tape that each contained 15 minutes of video, along with other data from the moon. In the 1970s and '80s, NASA had a shortage of the tapes, so it erased about 200,000 of them and reused them.

Nafzger, who was in charge of the live TV recordings back in the Apollo years, said they were thought of mostly as data tapes. It was not his job to preserve history, he said, just to make sure the footage worked. In retrospect, he said he wished NASA had not reused the tapes.

Outside historians were aghast.

"It's surprising to me that NASA didn't have the common sense to save perhaps the most important historical footage of the 20th century," said Rice University historian and author Douglas Brinkley. He noted that NASA saved all sorts of data and artifacts from Apollo 11, and it is "mind-boggling that the tapes just disappeared."

The remastered copies may look good, but "when dealing with historical film footage, you always want the original to study," Brinkley said.

Smithsonian Institution space curator Roger Launius, a former NASA chief historian, said the loss of the original video "doesn't surprise me that much."

"It was a mistake, no

doubt about that," Launius said. "This is a problem inside the entire federal government. ... They don't think that preservation is all that important."

Launius said federal warehouses where historical artifacts are saved are "kind of like the last scene of 'Raiders of the Lost Ark.' It just goes away in this place with other big boxes."

The company that restored all the Indiana Jones movies, including "Raiders," is the one bailing out NASA.

Nafzger praised Lowry for restoring "crispness" to the Apollo video. Historian Launius wasn't as blown away.

"It's certainly a little better than the original," Launius said. "It's not a lot better."

The Apollo 11 video remains in black and white. Inchalik said he would never consider colorizing it, as has been done to black-and-white classic films. And the moon is mostly gray anyway.

The restoration used four video sources: CBS News originals; kinescopes from the National Archives; a video from Australia that received the transmission of the original moon video; and camera shots of a TV monitor.

Back in 1969, nearly 40 percent of the picture quality was lost converting from one video format used on the moon, called slow scan, to something that could be played on TVs on Earth, Nafzger said.

NASA did not lose other Apollo missions' videos because they were not stored on the type of tape that needed to be reused, Nafzger said.

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