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"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

NEIL ARMSTRONG



Cliff Owen Associated Press file, 2010
Neil Armstrong, who in 1969 was the first man to walk on the moon, said in 2000: "I am, and ever will be, a white-sock, pocket-protector, nerdy engineer."

He took 1st moon steps into history

ASTRONAUT WAS A HUMBLE HERO

BY VALERIE J. NELSON AND ERIC MALNIC
Los Angeles Times

When Neil Armstrong became the first person to set foot on the moon, on July 20, 1969, he uttered a phrase that has been carved in stone and quoted across the planet: "That's one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind."

The grainy black-and-white television images of him taking his first lunar stroll were watched by an estimated 600 million people worldwide – and firmly established him as one of the great heroes of the 20th century.

Armstrong, who had heart surgery in early August, died Saturday in Cincinnati at 82, said NASA spokesman Bob Jacobs. The cause was complications from cardiovascular procedures, his family announced.

For the usually taciturn Armstrong, the poetic statement was a rare burst of eloquence, a sound bite for the ages that only increased his fame. He was never comfortable with celebrity he saw as an accident of fate, for stepping on the moon ahead of fellow astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin.

The reticent, self-effacing Armstrong would shun the spotlight for much of the rest of his life.

In a rare public appearance, in 2000, Armstrong cast himself in another light: "I am, and ever will be, a white-sock, pocket-protector, nerdy engineer." History would beg to disagree.

In a statement, President Barack Obama said that when Armstrong stepped onto the moon, "he delivered a moment of human achievement

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HEALTH



HEPATITIS C LURKS AS RISK FOR BOOMERS



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CDC now urging blood test for all born 1945-1965

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By the time he was diagnosed with chronic hepatitis C, Spencer Baker had cirrhosis so advanced that he needed a liver transplant. Then he developed liver cancer, too.

"Here I'd decided to get my life on track, and the doctor called and said I had terminal liver disease because of hepatitis C," said Baker, 56, a former gallery owner who lives in midtown Sacramento and received a new liver in 2009.

Now the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued a sweeping recommendation that all Americans born between 1945 and 1965 – a group that includes 76 million baby boomers – be tested for hepatitis C, the blood-borne illness previously linked not with a specific age range but instead with intravenous drug use and blood transfusions.

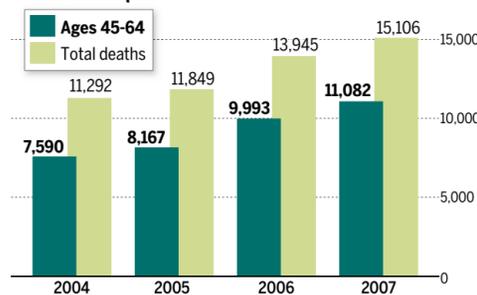
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Hepatitis C patient Spencer Baker, above, a resident of midtown Sacramento, had a liver transplant in 2002 to survive cirrhosis and cancer, and takes more than a dozen pills a day, top. Now 56, he also has undergone two rounds of interferon treatment for hepatitis C. But they were unsuccessful, and he still has the virus.

HEPATITIS C DEATH RATE RISING

Chronic hepatitis C can lead to cirrhosis, liver cancer and death. The numbers are on the rise, especially for baby boomers, who represent two-third of the deaths, as well as three-fourths of the cases of hepatitis C in the country.

Deaths with hepatitis C listed as cause



Note: Public health officials caution that hepatitis C is often not listed as a cause of death even when it contributed.

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Sacramento Bee

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Obama faces tough attack

ROMNEY CAMPAIGN SHARPENS ITS EDGE

BY JEFF ZELENY AND JIM RUTENBERG
The New York Times

TAMPA, Fla. – Mitt Romney is heading into his nominating convention with his advisers convinced he needs a more combative footing against President Barack Obama in order to appeal to white, working-class voters and to convince them that he is the best answer to their economic frustrations.

Having survived a summer of attacks but still trailing the president narrowly in most national polls, Romney's campaign remains focused intently on the economy as the issue that can defeat Obama. But in a marked change, Romney has added a harder edge to a message that for most of this year was focused on his business and job-creation credentials, injecting volatile cultural themes into the race.

Some elements of that revised strategy will be evident at the Republican convention, which was set to open in Tampa on Monday, but will be delayed until Tuesday because of safety con-

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Storm's approach forces convention delay.
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GOP donors bypass state party coffers

LEADING MEMBERS HEAD NEW EFFORTS

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California's top Republican operatives are busy raising millions of dollars to pump into the state's most competitive races.

But this election, many of the checks aren't being made out to the California Republican Party.

A new crop of independent committees and fundraising efforts created to support Republican candidates are allowing major donors to bypass the state party.

As California delegates gather in Tampa for the Republican National Convention this week, they leave behind a party organization in a major state of flux.

Historically, state political parties have been expected to raise and spend

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California artist and writer Stephanie Taylor views the Delta in California Sketches. **California Forum, Page E1**

CHANNELING MAHALIA

Actress and singer Bernardine Mitchell plays the gospel legend Mahalia Jackson at the Guild Theatre. **Marcus Crowder | a&e, Page 10**



KINGS RUMORS

Social media explode with rumors of Sacramento Kings move and the inaccuracies fly. **Marcos Breton, Our Region, Page B1**

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