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## Storm stalls Republican convention

Hurricane concerns prompt postponement until at least Tuesday

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TAMPA, Fla. — An approaching tropical storm, forecast to become a hurricane as it roars into the Gulf of Mexico today, has forced postponement of the first day of the Republican National Convention here, party officials announced Saturday evening.

The opening session Monday was to have featured Mitt Romney's formal nomination by thousands of convention delegates as the party's 2012 presidential standard bearer. A planned speech that evening by Romney's wife, Ann, had previously been moved to Tuesday because the commercial broadcast TV networks are not carrying events from the first night.

Instead, the gathering will nominally open Monday and then immediately adjourn, officials said. The plan — at least for now — is to reconvene Tuesday. The exact time won't be announced until later when officials are able to assess any damage from the storm, which is expected to peak Monday in Tampa.

"Our chief priority is the safety of the residents of Florida, of those visiting the convention, and all those in Gulf Coast states who may be impacted by Tropical Storm Isaac," Bill Harris, the

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Presumptive Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney (left) laughs Saturday with running mate Paul Ryan shortly after the two arrived at a campaign rally in Powell.

## Romney, Paul turn to Ohio

By STEVE PEOPLES and PHILIP ELLIOTT  
The Associated Press

POWELL — Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney declared Saturday that "women need our help" as he promised to promote women-led businesses should he defeat President Barack Obama in November's election.

The appeal came as the former Massachusetts governor tried to shrug off a series of unwanted distractions before the Republican convention opens Monday in Florida.

"Just a word to the women entrepreneurs out there, if we become president and vice president, we want to speak to you, we want to help you," Romney said with running mate Paul Ryan at his side during an outdoor rally that drew an estimated 5,000 people to the Columbus area. "Women in this country are more likely to start businesses than men. Women need our help."

The promise comes as Republicans face difficult questions about the party's position on abortion after a Missouri Senate candidate suggested that women's bodies can prevent pregnancy in cases of "legitimate rape."

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## One giant leap



### First man on moon Armstrong dies at 82

By LISA CORNWELL and SETH BORENSTEIN  
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Neil Armstrong was a soft-spoken engineer who became a global hero when as a steely-nerved pilot he made "one giant leap for mankind" with a small step onto the moon. The modest man, who had people on Earth entranced and awed from almost a quarter-million miles away, but credited others for the feat, died Saturday. He was 82.

Armstrong died following complications resulting from cardiovascular procedures, his family said in a statement. Armstrong had had a bypass operation this month, according to NASA.

His family didn't say where he died; he had lived in suburban Cincinnati.

Armstrong commanded the Apollo 11 spacecraft that landed on the moon July 20, 1969, capping the most daring of the 20th century's scientific expeditions. His first words after becoming the first person to set foot on the surface are etched in history books and the memories of those who heard them in a live broadcast.

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

In those first few moments on the moon, during the climax of a heated space race with the Soviet Union, Armstrong stopped in what he called "a tender moment" and left a patch to commemorate astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts who had died in action.

"It was special and memorable but it was only instantaneous because there was work to do," Armstrong told an Australian television interviewer this year.

#### DID YOU KNOW

Neil Armstrong insisted he had said "a" before "man" in his famous first words on the moon. But he said he, too, couldn't hear it in the version that went to the world.



• Associated Press photos

Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, attends a Dayton graveside service for Wilbur Wright on June 1.

### He put Wapak on map

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WAPAKONETA — Just a month ago, Neil Armstrong traveled to his hometown to celebrate his 65th high school reunion. He talked with his Blume High School classmates about flying as a teen at a nearby airport. He graciously posed for pictures with many.

"It was just like old times. He was friendlier than ever," said Doris Weber, who planned the class of 1947 reunion.

Word of Armstrong's death spread quickly Saturday in Wapakoneta, a city full of people who still call Armstrong a hero.

Former classmates called each other. Facebook messages shot out. As they did when Armstrong became the first

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#### REMEMBERING NEIL ARMSTRONG

**ARMSTRONG FAMILY:** "For those who may ask what they can do to honor Neil, we have a simple request. Honor his example of service, accomplishment and modesty, and the next time you walk outside on a clear night and see the moon smiling down at you, think of Neil Armstrong and give him a wink."

**PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA:** "Neil was among the greatest of American heroes — not just of his time, but of all time. When he and his fellow crew members lifted off aboard Apollo 11 in 1969, they carried with them the aspirations of an entire nation. ... And when Neil stepped foot on the surface of the moon for the first time, he delivered a moment of human achievement that will never be forgotten."

**ASTRONAUT MICHAEL COLLINS:** "He was the best, and I will miss him terribly." (Collins flew to the moon with Armstrong and served as the command module pilot.)



Astronaut Neil Armstrong prepares to pilot the Gemini VIII mission in 1966. The family of Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, said he died Saturday at age 82 following complications resulting from cardiovascular procedures.

**5 on the go**

- As of Thursday, the national debt, not including unfunded liabilities, was \$15.98 trillion, about \$50,870 per person.
- A Mafia turf war spilled onto a beach resort near Rome when a mob leader, "Wooden Hands," was gunned down in daylight.
- An underage mountain lion has been caught after trying to slip into a casino in Reno, Nev., ahead of the breakfast rush.
- Sixteen tigers and lions have been stuck in a cage for two months in Paraguay because officials refuse to approve paperwork.
- As of Friday, at least 1,973 members of the U.S. military had died in Afghanistan as a result of the U.S. invasion in late 2001.

