

METRO & STATE
2 Carson soldiers held in 2 slayings

The men were arrested as they were being held on attempted-murder charges connected to the shooting of a fellow soldier in May. **Metro 1**

Former GI found guilty of murder

Ex-Carson soldier Ryan Krueger will serve life in prison for the 2001 beating death of UCCS student Patricia Ann Elliott. **Metro 1**

Rare autos hit the fairways

The Rocky Mountain Concours d'Elegance at The Broadmoor this weekend features some of the most valuable vehicles in America. **Metro 1**

WORLD

East-West division grows over Georgia

A key nuclear pact is at risk as tensions between the U.S. and Russia rise. **A8**

Pakistanis flee anti-Taliban effort

About 200,000 have been displaced since the Pakistani army launched an operation this month against the Taliban. **A14**

IRAQ

U.S. relinquishing control of Anbar

A ceremony marking the turnover to Iraqi forces is expected to be held Monday. **A12**

WEATHER

Gustav likely to become hurricane

The tropical storm forced the evacuation of about 5,000 people as it gained strength over Cuba. **A8**

Gustav could hit New Orleans next

Officials made plans for evacuations after forecasters warned the storm could become a Category 3 hurricane and hit somewhere along the Gulf Coast. **A8**

NATION

Contractors fill in intelligence gaps

A survey of the 16 U.S. intelligence agencies reveals that 27% of their employees are contractors. **A10**

BUSINESS

Cigna Corp. is staying in state

Its acquisition of Great-West Healthcare will help Cigna serve smaller employers, the company's president said. **Metro 3**

Bankruptcy filings up among elderly

A study showed that the filing rate grew as people got older. **Metro 3**

SPORTS

Sakic signs 1-year, \$6M deal with Avs

Joe Sakic, the 39-year-old captain, decided to play a 20th season rather than call it a career. **Sports 1**

SCIENCE

Sea ice level may break record low

Scientists say ice in the Arctic is at its second-lowest level in 30 years. **A2**

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Barack Obama becomes first black candidate from a major party after Hillary Clinton stopped roll call to ask delegates for unity

UNANIMOUS DEMOCRATS CEMENT '08 IN HISTORY



Barack Obama and Joe Biden stood before the crowd in Denver's Pepsi Center as the Democratic presidential and vice presidential nominees on Wednesday. Obama will give his acceptance speech tonight.

“I want everybody to now understand why I am so proud to have ... the whole Biden family with me to take America back.”

BARACK OBAMA - presidential candidate

BY MARK Z. BARABAK
LOS ANGELES TIMES

DENVER • Democrats swept away more than 200 years of history on Wednesday and nominated Barack Obama for the White House, a milestone punctuated by former President Bill Clinton's declaration that the first black standard-bearer of a major party "is ready to be president of the United States."

The vote was unanimous after Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York waded onto the convention floor amid a standing ovation and stopped a roll call of states. She urged Obama's unanimous selection "in the spirit of unity, with the goal of victory."

Delegates roared their affirmation and the longest, most contentious Democratic primary fight in more than a generation came to a congenial, albeit painstakingly negotiated, halt.

Hours later, Bill Clinton did his part for party peace by wrapping Obama in his unqualified embrace.

"Everything I learned in my eight years as president and in the work I have done since, in America and across the globe, has convinced me

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In a Wednesday night speech, former President Bill Clinton gave the candidate a ringing endorsement, saying, "Barack Obama is the man for this job."



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- Joe Biden takes shots at John McCain in a speech. **A6**
- Abortion is a risky issue for McCain, a poll says. **A6**

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HEALTH

SCIENTISTS GET MICE TO PRODUCE INSULIN

Converted pancreas cells could benefit diabetic humans

BY KAREN KAPLAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Using a cocktail of proteins inserted directly into the bodies of diabetic mice, researchers have converted normal pancreas cells into insulin-producing cells using a procedure that could pave the way for treating intractable diseases and injuries using the patient's own abundant store of healthy tissue.

The Harvard University scientists activated a trio of dormant genes that commanded the cells to transform themselves, much like loading a new operating system onto a computer to

change a PC into a Mac. Within 10 days, the pancreas cells ceased their normal function - making gut enzymes to digest food - and instead produced insulin to regulate blood sugar, according to a study published online Wednesday in the journal Nature.

Doug Melton, co-director of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute and the study's senior author, said the same approach could be used to generate motor neurons for patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, make cardiac muscle cells for heart attack victims or create

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DETAILS

As cells mature, different genes are turned on and off through a process that creates different cell types. When certain types are damaged or destroyed, there is no easy way to replace them. Lately scientists have seen stem cells as a solution because of their ability to grow into new tissues.



Colorado delegate Julia Hicks of Westminster broke into tears after Colorado cast its votes for Barack Obama on Wednesday.

CHRISTIAN MURDOCK, THE GAZETTE

A 'DREAM' COME TRUE IN DENVER

For many, election transcends politics

BY BILL REED
THE GAZETTE

DENVER • James Tucker didn't think he'd ever see this day.

He was born in the small town of New Madrid deep in the boot-heel region of Missouri in 1951. The earthquake-prone town straddles the New Madrid fault, and the fiery Tucker was destined to shake things up from the

day he entered the world.

Nevertheless, after a lifetime of fighting for civil rights in his adopted home of Colorado Springs, Tucker is astonished to be a delegate at the Democratic National Convention that made Barack Obama the first black nominee of a major party.

He will watch tonight as Obama formally accepts at a rally in Denver's Invesco Field at Mile High on the 45th an-

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HISTORIC DAY FOR CIVIL RIGHTS
Sen. Barack Obama will accept the Democratic Party's nomination today, the 45th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.