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The University of Idaho football team has removed the logo from the back of its uniform pants after the new design caused an uproar. **SPORTS 1**

CHIP-MAKERS STILL HURTING

There's some good news for chip companies, but the glut in computer memory products — like those made by Micron — continues to hurt many. **BUSINESS 1**

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President Bush's top defense advisers have recommended he maintain 15 combat brigades in Iraq until the year's end. **MAIN 13**

AARP TURNS 50

The AARP, the nation's premier lobbying group and largest secular organization, is celebrating its 50th anniversary. **MAIN 11**

NEW ROOF RULES NEEDED

Fire-prone cedar-shake roofs have no place on homes near open space. **OUR VIEW, MAIN 17**

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CORRECTION

This year's sophomores in Meridian School District will have to take three years of math and three of science to graduate. This year's freshmen will have to take four years of math and three of science. A story on Main 1 Wednesday was incorrect.

ELECTION 2008 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

"Fight with me. Fight for what's right for our country. Fight for the ideals and character of a free people. Fight for our children's future. Fight for justice and opportunity for all."

JOHN MCCAIN, Republican presidential nominee

McCain promises he'll 'shake up Washington'



Republican presidential candidate John McCain waves to the crowd as he goes on stage at the Republican National Convention Thursday in St. Paul, Minn.

The GOP nominee says he has the record and the experience needed to 'get this country moving again.'

BY MAEVE RESTON AND MICHAEL MUSKAL
LOS ANGELES TIMES

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Sen. John McCain accepted the Republican presidential nomination Thursday night, hours after Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin became the first woman chosen by the party to run for vice president.

"Thank you, thank you all very much," McCain said as the crowd chanted his name and greeted him with more than three minutes of

applause. "Tonight, I have a privilege given to few Americans: the privilege of accepting our party's nomination for president of the United States," he said to more cheers.

"And I accept it with gratitude, humility and confidence."

For McCain, 72, it was a moment to savor,

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SPEECH EXCERPTS

"You know, I've been called a maverick; someone who marches to the beat of his own drum. Sometimes it's meant as a compliment and sometimes it's not. What it really means is I understand who I work for. I don't work for a party. I don't work for a special interest. I don't work for myself. I work for you."

"We're going to recover the people's trust by standing up again for the values Americans admire. The party of Lincoln, Roosevelt and Reagan is going to get back to basics."

"We believe in a government that unleashes the creativity and initiative of Americans. Government that doesn't make your choices for you, but works to make sure you have more choices to make for yourself."

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Q&A THE UPS AND DOWNS OF GAS AND OIL PRICES

Are we getting gouged at the gas pump?

Maybe not. Experts say gas prices didn't rise as fast as oil prices, so they're dropping more slowly, too.

BY KEVIN G. HALL
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON — Oil prices have fallen more than 26 percent from their July 11 record high of \$147.27 a barrel, and all evidence points to further declines. The price Americans pay at the gas pump has fallen by a more modest 12

percent at Thursday's national average of \$3.67 a gallon.

That's led some consumers to wonder if they're being gouged. Here are some explanations for why the price of gasoline, while falling, isn't moving in lockstep with falling oil prices.

Q: Why aren't gasoline prices mirroring oil's slide?

A: "Because they didn't go up high enough in the first place," explains Phil Flynn, an expert in oil contracts for

Alaron Trading in Chicago. "The truth of the matter is, when crude oil went up to \$147 a barrel, the refiners weren't able to pass on the entire cost of crude at the pump."

In mid-March, oil prices were just under \$100 a barrel and gasoline stood at an average of \$3.27 a gallon. When oil hit \$147, it was a 47 percent jump. Gasoline prices peaked 84 cents higher, a rise of about 25 percent.

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LOCAL GAS PRICES

| | Treasure Valley | Year ago | U.S. avg. |
|---------|-----------------|----------|-----------|
| Regular | \$3.84 | \$2.74 | \$3.68 |
| Diesel | \$4.34 | \$3.01 | \$4.27 |

Among the lowest-priced gas in the area (regular): **\$3.72** at Maverik, 4680 Federal Way, Boise

Source: AAA Idaho

Ex-Idahoan in China for Paralympics

Barbara Buchan, 1972 state mile-run champ, will compete in cycling at the World Games for the 5th time.

STATESMAN STAFF

Barbara Buchan was Idaho's state champion in the mile run for Mountain Home High School in 1972.

She ran the 5,000- and 10,000-meter races as a student-athlete at Boise State University, where she made it as far as the regional track and field finals.

Buchan even had a shot at the U.S. Olympic Team, after she switched sports to cycling

in the early 1980s.

But everything changed in a 1982 bike crash that left her in a coma for eight weeks.

It didn't stop her athletic dreams, though. And starting Saturday, the 52-year-old will represent her country for the fifth time — as a member of Team USA at the Paralympic Games in Beijing, China.

Sports Illustrated once told

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Barbara Buchan

TEENAGE BOISE GIRL IS HOOKED ON CYCLING
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ABOUT THE PARALYMPICS

The 2008 Summer Paralympic Games in Beijing run Saturday through Sept. 17 and are the second-largest sports event in the world after the Olympics. Nearly 4,000 athletes from more than 150 nations will compete, including athletes with spinal cord injuries, missing limbs, visual impairments, cerebral palsy, and various other disabilities, including multiple sclerosis and dwarfism.

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Idaho officials monitor farm where pheasants got sick

A mild form of bird flu that hit the game bird operation poses no threat to people but could change into a more harmful version.

First reported at IdahoStatesman.com

BY COLLEEN LAMAY

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Health officials are closely watching a Treasure Valley game bird farm after two pheasants from a pen were diagnosed with a form of bird flu that

humans virtually never catch.

The farm has thousands of pheasants, ducks, chukars and quail, none meant for people to eat. "None of the birds from this facility entered the food chain," state veterinarian Bill Barton said.

The birds, which are raised for bird-dog trials and other sporting events across the Northwest, do not carry the same headline-grabbing form of the virus that has killed scores of people worldwide.

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IDAHO POWERBALL: There were no jackpot winners for Wednesday's \$80.7 million prize. Wednesday: 38-40-46-49-50, Powerball 34, PowerPlay 2. Next jackpot: \$92 million.

LOTTERIES
IDAHO HOT LOTTO: There were no jackpot winners for Wednesday's \$4.37 million prize. Wednesday's numbers: 2-11-19-27-38, Hotball 7. Next jackpot: \$4.62 million.
THURSDAY'S IDAHO PICK 3: 2-0-6.

IDAHO WILD CARD: There were no jackpot winners for Wednesday's \$260,000 prize. Wednesday: 5-6-10-14-18. Wild card A♣. Next jackpot: \$280,000 (estimated).

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