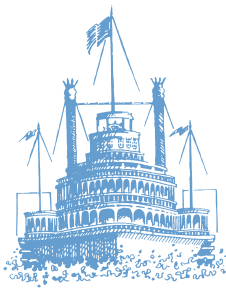


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Gas prices

Cost of a gallon of regular unleaded fuel on Sunday

Fuel Stop	\$1.93
West Kum N Go	\$1.97
7-Eleven	\$1.93
Western Petro	\$1.97
Bob's Conoco	\$1.97
Hilltop Sinclair	\$1.99
Anglers Kum N Go	\$1.86
Ski Haus	\$1.99
Mount Werner Sinclair	\$1.97
Shell	\$2.02
Shop & Hop	\$1.97
State Average	\$1.83
National Average	\$1.91

SPORTS



Steamboat vs. Skyline

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CORRECTION

Lynaia South Orr's name was misspelled in a story on page 1A of Sunday's *Steamboat Pilot & Today*.



MARTIN SIDORJAK/NEWSCOM

Todd Lodwick, of the United States, shows his medals after winning the Nordic Combined World Championships on Sunday in Liberec. Having already been victorious in the mass start, Lodwick, making his return after a two-year absence, won the cross-country ski and ski jump sections of the discipline. Lodwick also won the 10 km ski race in a time of 24 minutes, 22.3 seconds.

Golden again

Lodwick earns 2nd medal of world championships; Demong takes bronze

John F. Russell
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

For most of his career, Steamboat Springs skier Todd Lodwick has carried the weight of America's Nordic combined dreams on his shoulders.

This week in the town of Liberec, hidden in the mountains of the Czech Republic, the weight of high expectations has been replaced by the weight of world championship medals.

Lodwick earned his second gold medal of the week in Sunday's individual Gundersen event, and with the help of teammate Bill Demong, managed to set a new American standard at the world championships. Demong took the bronze Sunday, making it the first time Americans have claimed two of the three podium spots in a world championships event.

In a span of three days, the expectations Lodwick has carried through four Olympics and seven

World Championships have vanished, replaced with a gold medal from last Friday's mass start event and another in the first of two scheduled individual Gundersen events at the 2009 FIS Nordic World Championships.

"The weight of the Nordic combined world and all the expectations have been lifted," U.S. Nordic combined coach Dave Jarrett said Sunday. "Todd was free to fly, and that's exactly what he did (Sunday)."

Jarrett spoke to the *Steam-*

boat Today shortly after the awards ceremony in Liberec late Sunday evening. Lodwick stood on the top stair with a gold medal hanging around his neck. Teammate Bill Demong, a native of Vermontville, N.Y., who spent several years training in Steamboat Springs, was to Lodwick's left with the bronze. It was Demong's second world championships medal; he won silver at the 2007 world champi-

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	0 in.	Total snow†	287.5 in.
New snow — Summit	0 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	67 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	86 in.	Conditions	Packed powder

*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 21 as measured at mid-mountain FOR UP-TO-DATE ROAD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING RABBIT EARS PASS, call 511 or visit: www.cotrip.org



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