

4 | 10 QUESTIONS

Jon Favreau

8 | POSTCARD Paris

9 | INBOX

BRIEFING

11 | THE MOMENT

Nashville is under-water. Why is no one paying attention?

12 | THE WORLD A

standoff in Nepal; protests in Greece

14 | SPOTLIGHT Why

the merger of United and Continental isn't good for passengers

15 | VERBATIM The

President gibes Jay Leno; Charlie Crist on going independent

16 | HISTORY It's prom

time again. How the teen rite has evolved

17 | MILESTONES

Farewells to Lynn Redgrave and haute adult filmmaker Joseph Sarno

COMMENTARY

18 | CURIOUS CAPITALIST

Michael Schuman on bracing for contagious panic in Europe

19 | IN THE ARENA Joe

Klein on why now might not be the best time for an energy bill

Iron Man Downey,
page 52

Oil-spill damage A worker helps clear a Mississippi beach of debris in preparation for possible contamination

THE WELL

20 | **A Near Miss in Times Square** Faisal Shahzad botched a bomb in New York City's busiest hub, but his alleged crime raises questions about how deadly the next one could be *by Howard Chua-Eoan*

24 | **Terrorist Breeding Ground** Why U.S. officials are not surprised that the plot against New York City may have begun in Pakistan *by Bobby Ghosh*

28 | **COVER Devastation in the Gulf** Emotional reactions won't solve the problem. What the U.S. needs to do to avoid another catastrophic oil spill *by Bryan Walsh*

36 | **The New Gold Rush** Gold now fetches north of \$1,000 an ounce, thanks to believers in economic doom *by David Von Drehle*

38 | **Shanghai's Big Show** After decades in the shadow of Beijing, China's most cosmopolitan city is host to world Expo 2010 *by Austin Ramzy*

LIFE

43 | **TASTE OF AMERICA** It's white, it's addictive, and it's an epidemic in the U.S. Can we kick our salt habit?

46 | **PARENTING** Indie musicians are making hip records for kids—and their grateful parents

47 | **TECHLAND** Google's new app translates paragraphs of foreign text with the snap of a photo on your smart phone

56 | **ESSAY** Nancy Gibbs on how a cancer-stricken father chooses his "council" of successors

ARTS

49 | **MUSIC** Justin Bieber, the teen sensation

51 | **TUNED IN** Conan's comeback strategy

52 | **MOVIES** Iron Man 2's hero has the ruthlessness of a Hollywood mogul

55 | **SHORT LIST** A sober Hold Steady; *Daria* on DVD; the wry and raunchy *Party Down*

ON THE COVER: Photograph by Chris Graythen—Getty Images. Inset: AP

TIME (ISSN 0040-781X) is published weekly, except for two issues combined at year-end, by Time Inc. Principal Office: Time & Life Building, Rockefeller Center, New York, N.Y. 10020-1393. Ann S. Moore, Chairman, CEO. Periodicals postage paid at New York, New York, and at additional mailing offices. Canada Post Publications Mail Agreement No. 40110178. Return undeliverable Canada addresses to: Postal Stn A, P.O. Box 4322, Toronto, Ont., M5W 3G9. GST #122781974RT © 2010 Time Inc. All rights reserved. Reproduction in whole or in part without written permission is prohibited. TIME and the Red Border Design are protected through trademark registration in the United States and in the foreign countries where TIME magazine circulates. U.S. subscriptions: \$49 for one year. **Subscribers:** If the Postal Service alerts us that your magazine is undeliverable, we have no further obligation unless we receive a corrected address within two years. **Postmaster:** Send address changes to TIME, P.O. Box 30601, Tampa, Fla. 33630-0601. **CUSTOMER SERVICE AND SUBSCRIPTIONS—For 24/7 service, please use our website: www.time.com/customerservice.** You can also call 1-800-843-TIME or write to TIME at P.O. Box 30601, Tampa, Fla. 33630-0601. **Mailing list:** We make a portion of our mailing list available to reputable firms. If you would prefer that we not include your name, please call, or write us at P.O. Box 60001, Tampa, Fla. 33630, or send us an e-mail at privacy@time.customersvc.com. Printed in the U.S.