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NOMINEES' NIGHT

Biden takes swings at Republican McCain after Obama wins historic party nod

The Buzz

SPINNING UNTIL LATE

The Church nightclub is celebrating the closing of the convention with the legendary DJ Jazzy Jeff. » CALENDAR 2P

OBAMA'S LIAISON TO THE WEST

Sen. Ken Salazar of Colorado boosted his national profile with his nomination speech for Barack Obama. » POLITICS 3P



VETS DELIVER A MESSAGE

A standoff between Iraq war veterans and police ends peacefully after representatives of the Obama campaign agree to hear the group's grievances. » ON THE STREETS 17P



Seen Muhammad Ali » Escorted by an entourage of family, making his way through the VIP entrance. » ENTERTAINMENT 26P

CURRYING DELEGATES' FAVOR

Gift bags, meals and swank parties are among the freebies that companies, unions and other special interests are using to court delegates. » BUSINESS 28P



Democratic presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., joins Joe Biden at the Pepsi Center on Wednesday night after the Delaware senator accepted his nomination to be vice president. Obama will close out the Democratic National Convention tonight at Invesco Field at Mile High. *John Leyba, The Denver Post*

CLINTON'S WARM EMBRACE

Former president makes it clear he's in Obama's corner

By Michael Booth *The Denver Post*

Democrats still waiting for a Clinton to heartily endorse Barack Obama for president got all they craved Wednesday night when former President Clinton placed the family mantle squarely on Obama's shoulders.

"Everything I learned in my eight years as president — and in the work I've done since, in America and across the globe — has convinced me that Barack Obama is the man for this job," said Bill Clinton, who also tickled the Democratic National Convention crowd with quick, lighthearted jabs at GOP policies.

Democrats on the floor delighted in welcoming a former president who is a partisan hero for being the only Democrat to be re-elected to the White House since Franklin D. Roosevelt. Clinton strove mightily to look stern at the lectern when the cheering crowd wouldn't let him open his mouth.

"Y'all sit down!" he admonished. "We gotta get on with the show here." After another minute of cheering, he admitted, "I love this, ... but we have important work to do tonight."

In a pointed reference to a recent interview where

CLINTON » 6P



Delegates celebrate after pledging their votes Wednesday to Barack Obama. Obama won the Democratic nomination by acclamation after delegates from more than 30 states and territories participated in the roll call. » 3P

Photo: John Leyba, The Denver Post

Democratic National Convention roll-call vote

Alphabetical from Alabama through New Jersey*



* Illinois did not express vote *The Associated Press*

By Michael Riley *The Denver Post*

Sen. Barack Obama, finally minted as his party's nominee after a historic primary season, joined running mate Joe Biden on stage Wednesday night in a symbolic and literal embrace of the man who, in a span of less than 10 weeks, must help him win the presidency.

Descending the private staircase to Pepsi Center's stage, Obama reached up again and again to shake the hands of eager staffers lining up along the rail just to catch one more glimpse of the surprise guest, who — by appearance alone — electrified a Democratic National Convention audience largely here for him.

"I want everyone to now understand why I'm so proud to have Joe Biden, Jill Biden, Beau Biden and Mama Biden with me on this journey," Obama said on stage, referring to the Delaware senator and a few of the 26 members of the Biden clan in the audience.

Minutes before, Biden finished a sweeping condem-

BIDEN » 6P

Republicans » John McCain picks running mate, will make announcement Friday. » 11P



"Barack is running the last lap of a 54-year marathon."

The tale of Barack Obama's emergence has been interwoven with themes of family, race, ambition, faith and the evolving role of blacks in American politics. Tonight, it merges with history. » PROFILE 8-9P

PLAN AHEAD

Nearly everything you need to know about getting to Barack Obama's acceptance speech at Invesco Field at Mile High. » YOUR GUIDE, 35P

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