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# Stepping into history

## Clinton speech wows delegates

### Obama becomes first black American to win party nomination as roll call of states makes it official

BY DAVID ESPO  
OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**DENVER** — Barack Obama stepped triumphantly into history Wednesday night, the first black American to win a major party presidential nomination, as thousands of Democrats transformed their convention hall into a joyful, shouting celebration.

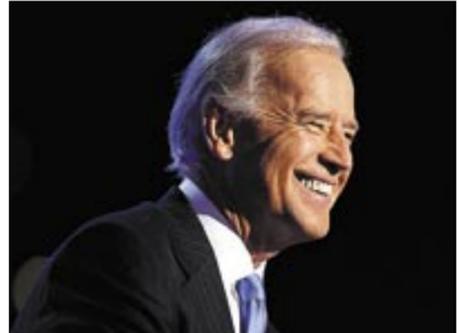
"I think the convention's gone pretty well so far, what do you think," called out the Democrats' man of the hour in a surprise late-night visit to the hall. The crowd thundered its approval, and he and running mate Joe Biden

basked in the cheers.

Obama implored the delegates to help him "take back America" in the fall campaign against Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

Earlier, former rival Hillary Rodham Clinton asked the convention to interrupt its roll call of the states and make its verdict unanimous "in the spirit of unity, with the goal of victory." And they did, with a roar.

Competing chants of "Obama" and "Yes we can" surged up from the



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Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., speaks Wednesday at the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

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BY ERIN WOOD  
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

**PEORIA** — Christine Eik Winick has proudly shifted her support, agreeing with former President Bill Clinton that Barack Obama is "ready to be president."

In a highly anticipated and equally well-received speech on Wednesday night, former Obama critic Bill Clinton, like his wife did the night before, reinforced the importance of Democrats coming together to elect Obama.

"He hit it over the stadium," said Winick, a Hillary Clinton delegate from Galesburg who is in Denver for the Democratic National Convention. "He's the master and did a terrific job, did everything he needed to do ... He said what needed to be said by someone who has been in the job — Barack Obama is ready to lead."

Hillary Clinton released her delegates Wednesday afternoon, giving them the

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# SPECIAL VISITORS

### About 700 men escort children to school in District 150 effort to encourage male role models

BY DAVE HANEY  
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The first full day of school at District 150 marked another first.

Called "1,000 Remarkable Guys," district officials said they've counted some 700 men registered to show up between Tuesday — a half-day of school for students at the district's primary and middle schools — and Wednesday, who walked or dropped off students to school.

"We've had so many more come in this morning and signing up, so we know it will be more than that," said District 150 spokeswoman Stacey Shangraw, noting a final tally may not be available until next week.

The new initiative, to get as many as 1,000 dads, grandpas and other significant male role models into and involved with District 150 students, comes with the hope that additional attention will bring with it a boost in educational achievement and social development among students.

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Marcus Moore walks his daughter, Leeya, to her second-grade classroom Wednesday at Northmoor Edison Primary School for the first full day of classes in District 150. The district started the "1,000 Remarkable Guys" initiative in an effort to get more male role models involved with students. A tally Wednesday showed 700 men had signed up.

**Send photos from the first day of school**

Submit a digital photo of your children as they start the school year, and we'll post it on **pjstar.com**.

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## TRUE BLUE

Illinois Blues Festival celebrates 20 years of music by continuing to bring legendary acts and big names to the Peoria riverfront. This year, the festival includes Lonnie Brooks. **CUE, PAGE C1**



## EXPANDING OPERATIONS

Caterpillar Inc. plans to expand its research and development operations in China for products serving China and other Asia Pacific markets. **BUSINESS, PAGE A10**



# Could Peoria be powered by wind?

### Leaders urged to consider change for city's chief energy source

BY PAUL GORDON  
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**PEORIA** — Move over, Chicago. Peoria could become the next Windy City.

At least, that's something local economic development leaders believe is worth looking into.

Craig Hullinger, economic development director for the city of Peoria, is urging area civic and government leaders to deter-

mine the feasibility of making wind power the city's chief energy source.

Many questions must be answered before anything is done, Hullinger said Wednesday. "But I definitely think this is something worth checking into. Wind energy is here, and I think it's here to stay."

Hullinger first broached the subject during a meeting Wednesday of the Economic Development Stakeholders, a group of the area's organizations involved with economic development.

His idea is that a consortium of business and governments in Peoria could be

created to buy wind energy from an area wind farm. The wind farm company would take care of locating the wind farm, which Hullinger acknowledged would be controversial, finding a place close enough to the Peoria metropolitan area.

He suggested near Interstate 74 on the approach to Peoria, or perhaps developing a business park with the wind farm "to further enhance our image as a green community."

Hullinger brought it up at the economic

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