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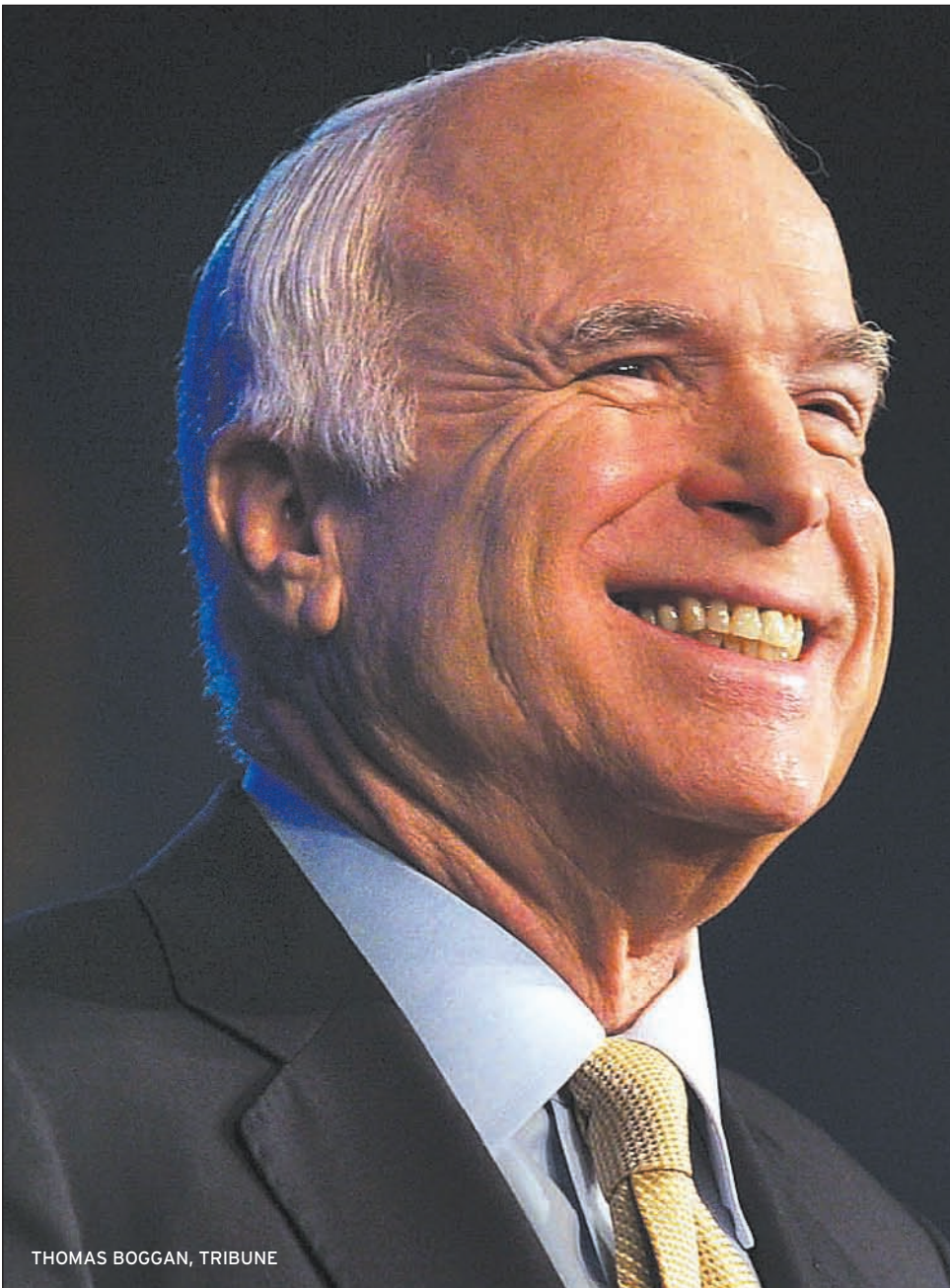
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McCain challenges Obama's vision of the U.S. role in world affairs

Republican presidential candidate makes Valley appearance at the national American Legion convention in downtown Phoenix • **PAGE A8**



Napolitano: I'd like to see McCain continue Arizona's tradition of producing presidential also-rans • **PAGE A6**

THOMAS BOGGAN, TRIBUNE

Today's weather:
High 99, low 79
Chance of showers

Tomorrow: High 103, low 77
Partly sunny and warm

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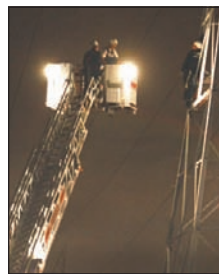
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MESA: Officials focus on pinning down city's priorities

The Mesa City Council will gather for a strategic planning workshop to think through "some difficult challenges" that lie ahead, Mayor Scott Smith says. **A3**

MESA: Rescuers talk man down from tower

A Mesa man gambles with his life and the lives of rescuers as he balances on an electrical tower more than 100 feet above the ground. **A11**



Pearce distances himself from supporter

Mesa Senate candidate Russell Pearce is backing away from an endorsement by a campaign supporter who is being prosecuted in connection with urinating in public. **A14**



E.V. cleans up after storm strikes

Crews throughout the south East Valley clean up after a powerful storm causes damage. **A15**

Southwest cuts Sky Harbor flights

Southwest Airlines, one of the two biggest carriers at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, will cut 11 flights to and 11 flights from the local airport beginning Jan. 11. **A22**

Poverty increases in Valley, census shows

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Two new U.S. Census Bureau reports on income, poverty and health insurance offer revealing data about poverty and Arizona families. Some findings:

- Thirteen percent of Valley residents lived below the poverty level in 2007, up from 12.6 percent in 2006. Statewide, the percentage stayed the same at 14.2 percent, with about 881,000 Arizonans living in poverty. **DETAILS, A12**
- In the Valley, about one-third of families in poverty are headed by a single mother.
- Arizona's median household income grew about \$1,200 over the past year, to \$49,889.
- White non-Hispanic households in the Valley have a median income of \$60,570, compared with \$41,544 for Hispanics and \$37,008 for black households.