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Dems choose Obama in thunderous acclamation

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DENVER • Sen. 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.



Barack Obama

"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 them to help him "take back America" in the campaign against Republican Sen. John McCain. Earlier, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton asked the convention to interrupt the roll call of states and make its verdict unanimous "in the spirit of unity, with the goal of victory." And they did, with a roar.

Storm dumps more rain on East Valley

National Weather Service officials say it's likely that Wednesday's storm — which dumped about an inch of rain in Apache Junction in 90 minutes — was enhanced by Tropical Storm Julio. **A3**



MESA: Officials expect tough sell for voters

Mesa political and business leaders promised change to residents who vote in favor of a bond package on the Nov. 4 ballot. **A3**

MESA: Tour seeks downtown investors

A tour of downtown Mesa features several vacant lots where city officials hope to attract companies to strengthen the downtown and create an atmosphere where people can live, work and play — in restaurants, retail and art attractions. **A5**

TEMPE: Schmuck fights allegations



Frank Schmuck, a Tempe Republican running for the state House, is working to settle allegations that he violated the Clean Elections Law by failing to report expenses related to a fundraising event. **A6**

Today's weather:
High 99, low 79
Partly sunny

Tomorrow: High 101, low 79
Slight chance of showers

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WATCHING FROM ABOVE



This year the Arizona Department of Public Safety started using its only plane to help with highway traffic enforcement, and officials hope to expand the program in the future • **PAGE A4**



SKY VIEW: The DPS patrol plane flies low to observe speeding or erratic drivers on Valley highways.

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