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After 26 years on the job, a former Father Lopez star gets his chance as head coach

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Some viewers wonder if outage was intentional

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Moms protest event's blood-dripping ads

TOO GRUESOME: A group of mothers is complaining about billboards promoting Universal Orlando's Halloween Horror Nights.

THE RESPONSE: Universal spokesman Michael Lewellen says the park wants the billboards to be fun, entertaining and communicate what the event is about.

Man sues prosecutor to get his leg back

TAKING AIM: After being shot five times, a Nebraska man had to go to court to get his prosthetic leg back from prosecutors.

RETURNED: The Box Butte County Attorney's office gave McCabe's leg back Wednesday after a judge ordered it returned.

Detroit mayor pleads guilty, leaves office

SCANDALOUS: Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick pleaded guilty to felony charges Thursday in a sex scandal and resigned from office.

THE CASE: The married mayor and former top aide Christine Beatty were charged in March with perjury, misconduct and obstruction of justice.

—Associated Press



Coming Sunday: Entertainment highlights

Get ready for your week with My Week, our new publication that highlights the week in TV, music, movies, travel, the arts and more.

How many troops are needed?

President Bush hears commanders' recommendation to slow withdrawals.

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2008 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

'CHANGE IS COMING'



Associated Press/PAUL SANCYA

Republican presidential candidate John McCain accepts the nomination in a speech closing the Republican National Convention on Thursday.

By DAVID ESPO and ROBERT FURLOW ASSOCIATED PRESS

McCain's pitch closes convention

ST. PAUL, Minn. — John McCain, a POW turned political rebel, vowed Thursday night to vanquish the "constant partisan rancor" that grips Washington as he launched his fall campaign for the White House.

To repeated cheers from his delegates, McCain criticized fellow Republicans as well as Democratic rival Barack Obama as he reached out to independents and disaffected Democrats.

"We were elected to change Washington, and we let Washington change us," he said of the Republicans who controlled Congress for most of the past 15 years.

As for Obama, he said, "I will keep taxes low and cut them where I can. My opponent will raise them. I will cut government spending. He will increase it."

Before McCain's speech, the climax of the final night of the party convention, delegates awarded the vice-presidential nomination to Alaska Gov. Sa-

rah Palin, the first female ticketmate in Republican history.

"She stands up for what's right and she doesn't let anyone tell her to sit down," McCain said of the woman who has faced intense scrutiny in the week since she was picked.

"And let me offer an advance warning to the old, big-spending, do-nothing, me-first, country-second Washington crowd: Change is coming," McCain declared.

He and Palin were departing their convention city immediately after the Arizona senator's

acceptance speech, bound for Wisconsin and an early start on the final weeks of the White House campaign.

McCain, at 72 bidding to become the oldest first-term president, drew a roar from the convention crowd when he walked out onto the stage lighted by a single spotlight. He was introduced by a video that dwelt heavily on his time spent as a prisoner of war in Vietnam and as a member of Congress, hailed for a "faithful unyielding love for America, country first."

"USA, USA, USA," chanted

the crowd in the hall.

McCain faced a delicate assignment as he formally accepted his party's presidential nomination: presenting his credentials as a reformer willing to take on his own party and stressing his independence from an unpopular President Bush — all without breaking faith with his Republican base.

He set about it methodically.

"After we've won, we're going to reach out our hand to any willing patriot, make this government start working for you again," he said, and he pledged to invite Democrats and independents to serve in his

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- ONLINE: Both parties have picked their candidates. Whom do you support? Vote in our InstaPoll. news-journalonline.com
INSIDE: Supporters gather to watch the Republican National Convention in DeLand. PAGE 2A

HURRICANE SEASON 2008

Fay victims turn to church for aid

By RAY WEISS STAFF WRITER

DEBARY — A growing list of names fills a board that stretches the length of a church wall.

It is a tally in black and white of victims of Tropical Storm Fay in flooded western Volusia County, more than 100 displaced and disillusioned individuals and families being helped by Community United Methodist Church.

"We're running out of space," said Cheri Mangum, a volunteer leader, as she glanced at the board.

Bags filled with food, baby supplies, clothes, blankets and buckets filled with mold-preventing cleaning supplies are being handed out for free to anyone in trouble. And volunteer work crews have begun removing soggy carpet, drywall and furniture in houses on weekends.

The local Lions Club also has provided the church \$100 Wal-

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Updates on flooding conditions throughout the county, plus need-to-know information on debris removal and river cresting. PAGE 2A

mart gift cards to distribute to people with FEMA emergency case numbers.

Requests for help have been so great the church expects to receive disaster reinforcements soon from other Methodist churches in and out of state.

Church volunteers helped Jim Boyer, 66, by taking out carpet and opening up walls in the Deltona house he described as a total loss after having 2 feet of

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Jennifer Stancil

Community United Methodist Church volunteer Bobby Spinner unloads debris from a flooded house in DeBary. Church members are helping victims of Tropical Storm Fay in their cleanup efforts.



SOURCE: NOAA

Associated Press

Hanna approaches, but Ike has people scared

By KEVIN MAURER ASSOCIATED PRESS

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Some Southeastern states declared emergencies and officials urged residents to head inland Thursday as Tropical Storm Hanna headed toward the Atlantic coast, where it could bring high winds and rain from South Carolina to Maine.

Meanwhile, disaster planners

eyed ferocious-looking Hurricane Ike strengthening in the Atlantic. And with power outages and problems from Hurricane Gustav lingering in Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and relief groups found themselves juggling three storms.

Rain and wind from Hanna

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