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One last try to stop Boeing strike

DEAL BEING HASHED OUT AT A FLORIDA DISNEY RESORT

Failure will bring walkout at midnight

BY DOMINIC GATES
Seattle Times aerospace reporter

Union leaders and Boeing executives spent the first 15 hours of a 48-hour cooling-off period to avert a strike just getting to the negotiating table in Orlando, Fla.

After a dramatic, angry union vote and meeting Wednesday in Seattle, Mark Blondin and Tom Wroblewski, leaders of the International Association of Machinists (IAM), arrived Thursday evening for the latest negotiations at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort hotel.

Boeing Commercial Airplanes Chief Executive Scott Carson and his top labor negotiator, Doug Kight, arrived earlier in the day.

IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger was already at the venue for the union's Grand Lodge convention, which starts Sunday. He will join the talks.

Wednesday evening — before Machinist votes on whether to strike were counted — the two sides agreed through a mediator on this last-minute bargaining step, with the un-

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Detroit: Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick pleaded guilty to felony charges and agreed to resign from office, serve 120 days in jail and pay up to \$1 million in restitution. > **A6**

Iraq: A roadside bomb killed two U.S. soldiers patrolling eastern Baghdad. > **A8**

Rampage: The Skagit County Coroner's Office released the identities of three more victims of Tuesday's deadly shooting spree. > **Local B1**

Economy: The Dow average plummeted 344 points, but investors could not pin the drop on any overriding reason. > **Business D1**

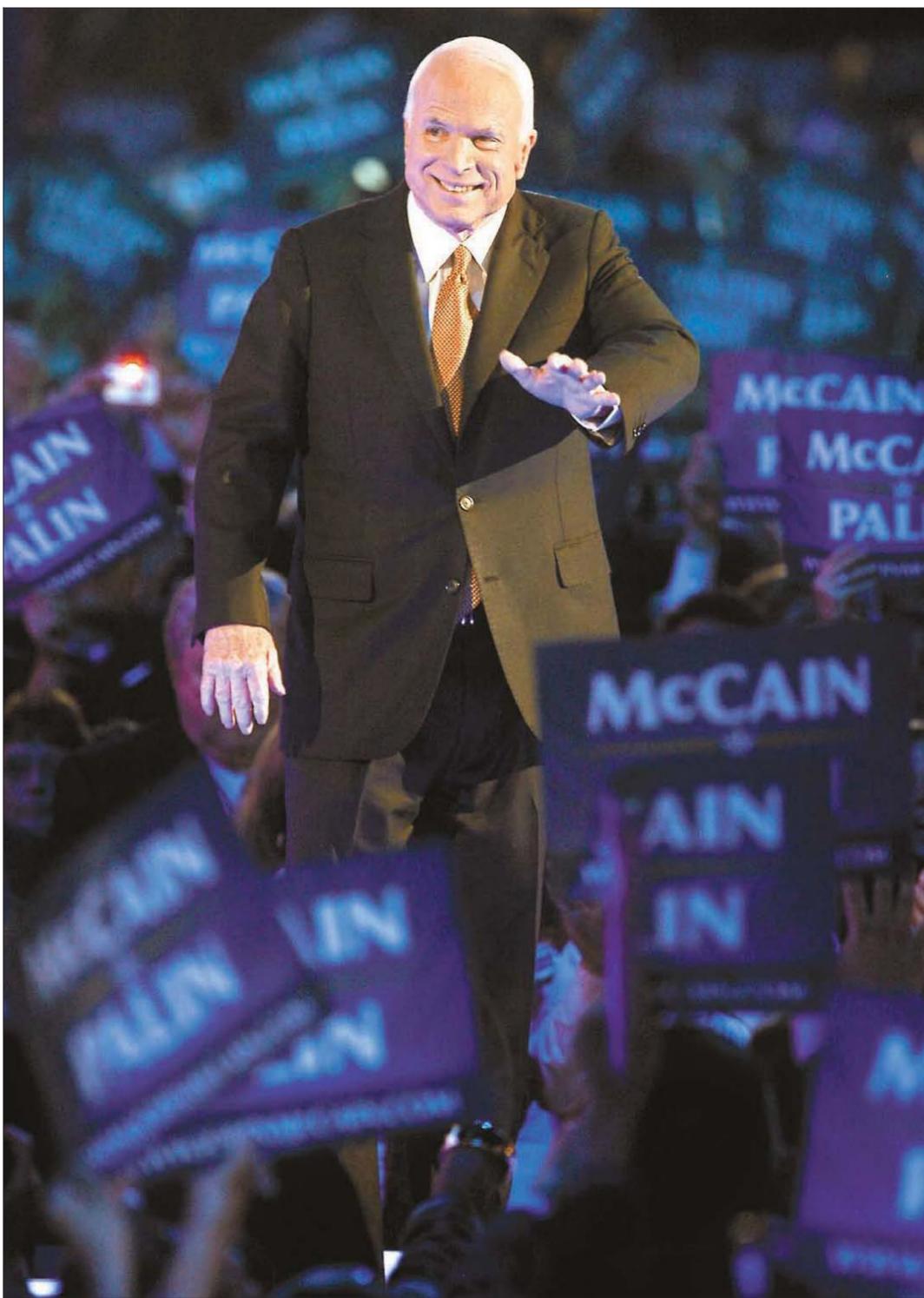
Rock on: Hard Rock Café plans to open its first Northwest restaurant next year, a half-block from Pike Place Market. > **Business D1**

Opinion: When it comes to health care, the public is way ahead of politicians on the need for change, writes Lance Dickie. > **B6**

ELECTIONS '08 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

MCCAIN URGES COUNTRY: "STAND UP AND FIGHT"

GOP NOMINEE CALLS FOR BIPARTISANSHIP AS HE OFFERS MUTED CRITICISM OF OBAMA



CHUCK KENNEDY / MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Sen. John McCain waves to delegates before his speech Thursday at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn. "I will reach out my hand to anyone to help me get this country moving again," the GOP nominee said in his address.

And they're off! Conventions launch campaign's final lap

BY CHRISTI PARSONS
Chicago Tribune

ST. PAUL, Minn. — New characters are on stage. Scripts have been revised with a fall audience in mind.

And now that the back-to-back political conventions have ended, the longest-running presidential campaign in memory enters its homestretch — finally — with the promise of new drama.

The dynamics are notably different today from a couple of weeks ago, when

Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama were only the presumptive nominees.

Gov. Sarah Palin as McCain's running mate changes the story line significantly, a decided curve for a Democratic team unprepared for the hockey-mom-as-attack-dog scenario.

McCain is signaling a shift in his "we're more experienced" theme by naming a vice-presidential candidate who still fea-

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BY JIM TANKERSLEY / Chicago Tribune

ST. PAUL, Minn. — It may go down as one of the quietest acceptance speeches in presidential campaign history: quiet crowd, quiet candidate, quiet rebukes of the opponent he has bombarded for months.

It was the quiet of John McCain, and it was finally ruptured, after 50 minutes, by a call to "stand up, stand up, stand up and fight."

The Arizona senator claimed the Republican presidential nomination Thursday night with soft criticism of Democrat Barack Obama and even of his GOP brethren, promising that "change is coming" after eight years of the Bush administration.

A video reviewing McCain's long public career was aired before the speech, and most of it focused on his military service. The video, narrated by actor Robert Duvall, included photos of McCain with former Presidents Nixon and Reagan, but no images of him with President Bush.

McCain, however, did pay a brief tribute to Bush at the top of his speech, praising him for his leadership after the Sept. 11 attacks, but without mentioning him by name.

The address was much like the candidate: calm but forceful and blunt, with little of Obama's lyricism.

McCain filled it with biography and calls for bipartisanship, hammering his convention theme of "country first" and jabbing Obama.

"Again and again," he said, "I've worked with members of both parties to fix problems that need to be fixed.

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GOP SEEKS to snatch Obama's "change" message > Close-up A3

Palin choice invigorates television's VP coverage

BY GLENN GARVIN
The Miami Herald

MIAMI — A couple of weeks ago, "Fox News Sunday" executive producer Marty Ryan called political analyst William Kristol aside. Why, Ryan wondered, did Kristol keep touting the chances of an obscure first-term governor to be the Republican vice-presidential nominee?

"You keep talking about Sarah Palin, Bill, but nobody else seems to have her name on their list," Ryan complained.

"And now, everybody's talking about her," Ryan said Thursday, laughing as he recalled the conversation. "She was a game-changer for the convention and for the campaign. ... She brings a buzz to the whole general-election campaign that might not have been there without her."

The Alaska governor's free-swinging speech at the Republican National Convention on Wednesday night will change the way that television covers the rest of the campaign, TV journalists and political scientists said, boosting the vice-presidential race from an afterthought and turning the debate between Palin and Democratic candidate Joseph Biden

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THE "MOM DEBATE"

Nicole Brodeur: Can Sarah Palin take care of her five children and her country? > **Local, B1**

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Palin can have it all, but should she?

Kate Riley: Moms saddled with double standard

Guest columnist: Political ambitions aren't "family values"

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