

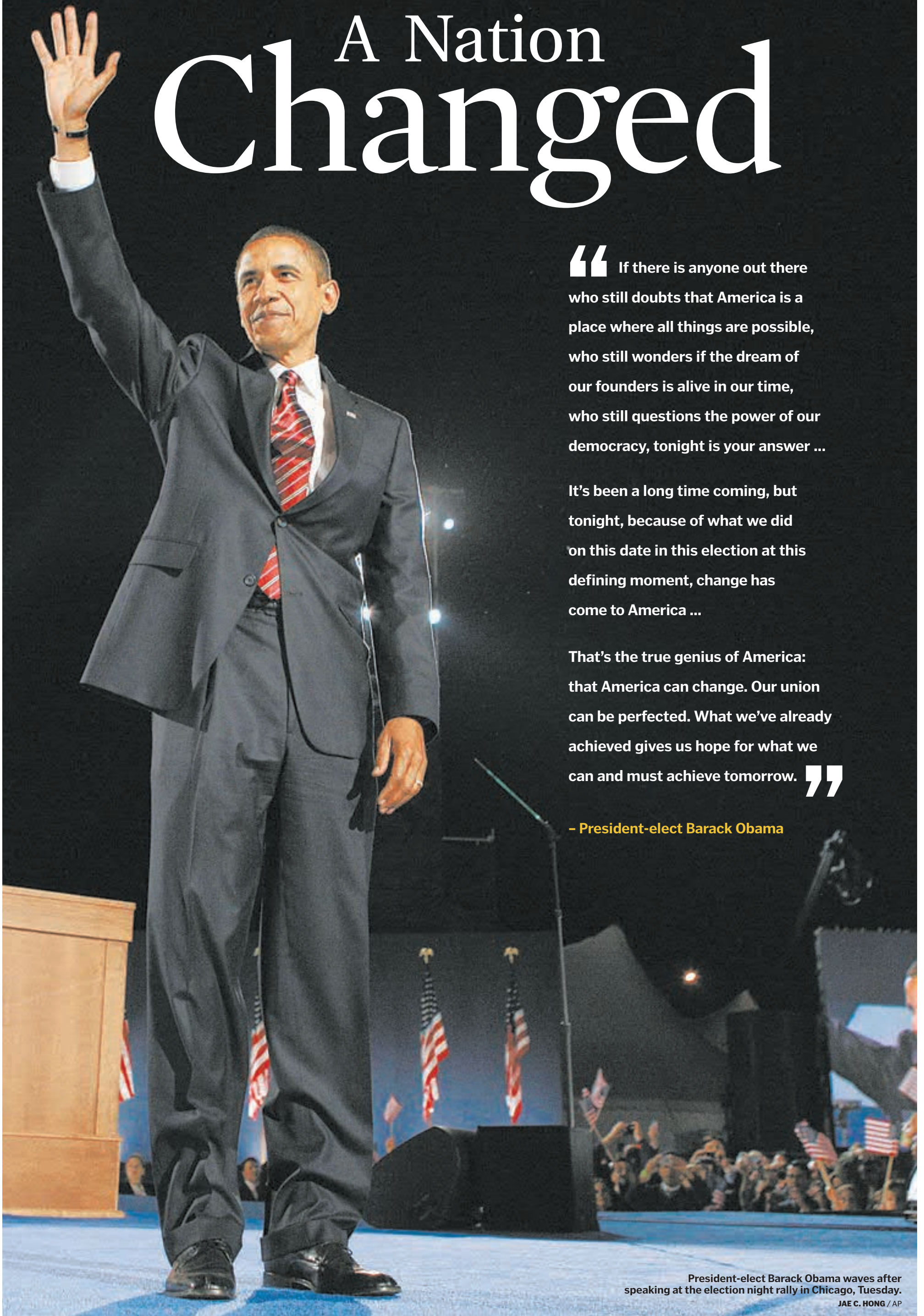
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That's the true genius of America: that America can change. Our union can be perfected. What we've already achieved gives us hope for what we can and must achieve tomorrow. ”

- President-elect Barack Obama

President-elect Barack Obama waves after speaking at the election night rally in Chicago, Tuesday. JAE C. HONG / AP

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