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Debate in Colby will feature four governor hopefuls

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It sounds like everything is pretty much ready for the “big debate” at Colby Community College.

The “big debate” at the Cultural Arts Center at the college takes place Sunday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. On stage will be four candidates seeking to replace Gov. Bill Graves when he leaves office in January.

The candidates are Democrat Kathleen Sebelius, Republican Tim Shallenburger, Libertarian Dennis Hawver and Reform Ted Pettibone. The debate is sponsored by the Kansas League of women voters, who will also provide a moderator for the evening.

A large crowd is expected to fill the debate site inasmuch as Colby Community College is only one of five locations across the state at which a gubernatorial debate will be held.

There is no charge to attend; however, those planning to be present are encouraged to arrive early to submit questions to the candidates. The candidates will be allowed three minutes for an introduction, with the remainder of the debate consisting of questions

from the audience.

The debate is part of the increasingly popular Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series, funded annually by anonymous donors.

Tom Moorhous (462-3984, ext. 340) can provide additional information, or answer any question you might have about the upcoming debate.

Debates have already been held at the Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson and at the Wichita Rotary Club.

In addition to Colby, the other debates will be in the Kansas City area (Oct. 8) and on WIBW-TV, Topeka (Oct. 22).

Sebelius is currently state insurance commissioner and Shallenburger is state treasurer. Shallenburger beat out two challengers in the August Republican primary, Senate President David Kerr and Wichita Mayor Bob Knight. Gov. Graves, belatedly, threw his support behind Shallenburger last week.

The general election is Nov. 5.

Debbie Schwanke, Colby College public relations director, contributed to this report.

Opponents of war fighting uphill battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — A few Democratic lawmakers are raising their hands in protest as Congress prepares to give the president the go-ahead to “use all means” to end the threat from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

“My constituents are shocked at seeing the direction America is going,” said Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, who is leading House opposition to the resolution on use of force that President Bush is asking Congress to endorse.

The administration, said Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., “is asking for the moon without giving us serious information and then calling those who don’t support them do-nothings.”

Many Democrats have voiced reservations about the draft proposal Bush sent them last Thursday, uneasy about unilateral action if the United Nations doesn’t require Iraq to disarm and wary about a provision to extend the president’s authority to cover regional peace and security.

Most Democrats, including party leaders, express confidence they can work with the administration to produce a resolution on Iraq that will command wide support. The goal is to

reach a compromise on language by the end of this week and complete votes in the House and Senate next week.

The second-ranking Democrat in the House, Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, said she hopes the two parties can work together to put together a resolution almost everyone could accept. She said she didn’t expect there would be a single Democratic substitute, although she said she and others wanted answers on how much a war against Iraq would cost in terms of the military operation, the occupation, the U.S. economy and the overall war on terrorism.

Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina, the top Democrat on the House Budget Committee, released a report Monday that put the cost at \$93 billion, not including U.S. peacekeeping and rebuilding efforts that might follow. Lawrence Lindsey, Bush’s top economic adviser, said last week that the price tag could reach \$200 billion, although White House budget chief Mitchell Daniels said that figure seemed too high.

A small but vocal group of Democrats says the issue is too important to be resolved by tinkering with language in the Bush offering.

“If the president has any evidence that there is an imminent threat, he should come forward and seek a declaration of war,” said Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas. “I’m less concerned about making it cosmetically more appealing.”

Bush, speaking Monday in New Jersey, made his case again for moving against Saddam, saying the Iraqi president is a “man who would use weapons of mass destruction at the drop of a hat...”

Parade pleasers



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Future sports boosters Ricky Nelson, left, and Draven Buchanan rode on the Booster Club float in last week’s Colby High School homecoming parade. Both of the youngsters are students in Colby Grade School’s Head Start program.

Four arrested in Colby house search

By MICHELLE L. HAWKINS

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Four Colby people are now in custody after members of the Quad County Drug Task Force and Kansas Bureau of Investigation searched a house Monday afternoon suspected of being used as a meth lab.

Also assisting was the Colby Safety Response Team and other Colby Police Department and Thomas County Sheriff’s officers.

Thomas County Sheriff’s Department said Avangela Shaw, 29, Bobye Chadwell, 46, Ray Chadwell, 41, all of Colby, and Debbie Lindenman, 39, of Morland were arrested.

Doug Murphy, drug enforcement coordinator for the Quad County Drug Task Force, said all four are facing possible charges of manufacturing methamphetamines, conspiracy to sell methamphetamines, and possession of drug paraphernalia and methamphetamines, as well as numerous other charges.

Murphy said the investigation started at the end of 2001, and has progressed until Monday when they felt they had enough evidence to issue a search warrant for the house located at



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This residence at 660 North Range, was searched Monday as a result of an undercover operation by the Quad County Drug Task Force.

660 North Range.

Officers had received information that the group was manufacturing both in Colby and Morland, said Murphy. A few months back, the Graham County Sheriff’s Department issued a search warrant for the location in Morland and “didn’t get anything out of it.”

Undercover operations kept a close eye on the location in Colby for activity. On Friday, the Quad County Drug Task Force received a call from the Hays Police Department with a tip that the alleged drug manufacturers had just purchased a number of items that were needed in the manufacture of

methamphetamines at the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Hays.

Murphy said that active surveillance was kept on the North Range residence over the weekend.

On Monday, the KBI was called in to assist, since they felt there was enough evidence to issue a search warrant.

“Shortly after the search warrant was issued, the house was raided and secured,” said Murphy.

Gary Shull, Colby Police Department investigator, said that Colby police removed two children from the house, an 8-year-old and an 11-year-old. The two children were placed in an emergency foster home.

“My biggest concern was that all the drugs, paraphernalia, lab equipment, and other things were readily accessible to the children,” said Murphy when asked about the children involved. The search warrant was closed out shortly before midnight, and work continues today in the processing of paperwork.

All four are being held in the Thomas County Jail pending the filing of formal charges with County Attorney Allen Taylor.

Gore is highly critical of Bush’s plans to wage war on Iraq

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In his first major speech about Iraq, former Vice President Al Gore issued a harsh criticism of President Bush for wanting to go to war with Saddam Hussein, warning of ominous and untold consequences.

Like other leading Democrats, Gore has expressed reservations in recent months about military action against Iraq, suggesting the diplomatic costs would be extremely high.

But his speech Monday at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco was

much more critical.

“After Sept. 11, we had enormous sympathy, goodwill and support around the world,” Gore said. “We’ve squandered that, and in one year we’ve replaced that with fear, anxiety and uncertainty, not at what the terrorists

are going to do but at what we are going to do.”

Gore said war with Iraq could lead to the creation of legions of enemies angry and fearful about U.S. domination and also prompt a short-term power vacuum that could increase the

WeatherWatch

Colby-Oakley area

The numbers

Monday’s high, 70
Low this morning, 41
Year ago today, 67 and 34
Temperature at 11:45 a.m. today, 69

Colby’s 24-hour rainfall, 0.00
Oakley’s 24-hour rainfall, 0.00
Soil temp at the 4-inch depth, 65
Records for Sept. 24, 95 in 19379 and 29 in 1989

The forecast

Tonight, clear, lows in the upper 40s, south winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday, sunny and breezy, highs in the middle 70s, south winds 5-10 mph, becoming north around noon and increasing to 15-25 mph, with gusts to 35. Wednesday night, cloudy, 40 percent chance for rain, lows in the lower 40s. Thursday, cloudy, slight chance for rain in the morning, turning partly cloudy around noon, much cooler with highs only in the middle 50s. (*Temperatures and precipitation are from the Northwest Research-Extension Center, unless otherwise noted. Forecast is from the National Weather Service.*)

Colby Water Usage

•Sept. 23 = 2,220 million gallons

Briefly

‘Fly-In’ scheduled Oct. 5

The third annual Colby Fly-In will be Saturday, Oct. 5, from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Colby Municipal airport. A variety of aircraft will be on hand. Plane rides will be available to the first 100 people who register. Breakfast will be served for \$3 per person. Two rides in a WWII fighter trainer will also be raffled off. For tickets and more information, contact Mark Ostmeyer, airport manager, at 462-4438.

Foundation seeks board members

The Thomas County Community Foundation is expanding its board of directors and is compiling names of those who might be interested in finding out more about the roles and responsibilities of board members. Adding your name is not a commitment to serve. If you would like to be considered, or if you would like to nominate someone, please contact Becky Donelan at 465-9152.

Fund set up for Beims family

A fund has been set up at First National Bank in Colby to aid

the Mitch and Cortney Beims family with medical expenses for their infant, Braden. Those wishing to contribute should ask for Les Brown at the bank.

Speech contest entries needed

Entries are being sought for the 24th annual *Speech Contest* sponsored by the Thomas County Conservation District and the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts. The entry deadline is Thursday. The topic is, “Aquifer Management — What’s in it for Me?” The contest is for all students in grades 9 through 12. The district contest will be held in Colby at 1 p.m. on Sept. 30 at the USDA building, 915 E. Walnut. District winners advance to the area contest and those winners move on to the state contest. Please contact Lynette Koon, Thomas County Conversation District, 915 E. Walnut, Colby, or call her at (785) 462-7482, ext. 39 for more details.

Programs scheduled at Oakley

The Western Plains Arts Association has a couple of programs

scheduled in Oakley in early October. The first is Sunday, Oct. 6, when “I Do! I Do! - A Musical About Marriage,” takes the stage at the high school auditorium at 3 p.m. Admission is by WPAA season pass, or tickets at the door, \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. Then on Monday, Oct. 7, “The Brave Little Princess” will be staged at 10 a.m., also in the high school auditorium and at 1:15 p.m., “And Then They Came For Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank,” will be presented in the high school auditorium. More details on these programs will appear in the Free Press later in the week.

Book fair ends today

The final day of the *Scholastic Book Fair* is today at the Colby Grade School, room 107. It will be held until 9 p.m. The Sorosis Club and Colby PTO are sponsoring the fair with proceeds to community projects and Colby Grade School.

Sacred Heart book in final day

Scared Heart School in Colby concludes its *Scholastic Book Fair* today. It will end at 9 p.m.

