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Candidates racing to wire

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — In a bold move brimming with confidence, Democrat Barack Obama broadened his advertising campaign on today into two once reliably Republican states and further bedeviled rival John McCain by placing a commercial in the Republican presidential nominee's home state of Arizona.

Obama's campaign, capitalizing on his vast financial resources and a favorable political climate, announced that it was going back up with advertising in Georgia and North Dakota, two GOP states that it had teased with ads earlier but then abandoned.

In Iowa, where his campaign took off with a caucus win Jan. 3, Obama told supporters to expect McCain's campaign to end in a crescendo of attacks on him. "More of the slash and burn, say-anything, do-anything politics that's calculated to divide and distract; to tear us apart instead of bringing us together," Obama told 25,000 in Des Moines.

The Illinois senator said he admired a presidential candidate who said in 2000, "I will not take the low road to the highest office in this land."

"Those words were spoken

eight years ago by my opponent, John McCain," Obama said. "But the high road didn't lead him to the White House then, so this time, he decided to take a different route."

McCain was spending a second straight day touring economically ailing Ohio, a swing state with 20 electoral votes that McCain aides acknowledge is central to a victory on Tuesday. McCain was behind Obama in polls in the state.

In Ohio's hard-pressed southeast, McCain whipped up a crowd of several thousand at the county courthouse in Steubenville, telling them, "You're going to be the battleground state again. You're going to be the one who decides. I need Ohio and I need you."

In what could be a final ignominy for McCain, Obama campaign manager David Plouffe said the campaign would begin airing ads in Arizona, a state McCain has represented in Congress for 26 years.

Plouffe said the race has tightened in Arizona, Georgia and North Dakota.

McCain campaign manager Rick Davis derided Obama's moves: "We encourage them to pick other states that we intend to win" to spend their money.

Parading their scariest stuff



JASMINE STEWART/Colby Free Press

Students at the Colby Grade School marched around the gym Monday morning for the annual Costume Parade. The parade included all students in kindergarten through third grade. Parents, grandparents, friends and relatives jammed the bleachers to watch the kids walk by.

Change clocks Sunday

With the first snowfall of the season over and winter just around the corner, Daylight Saving Time will come disappear this weekend.

The clocks will turn back an hour Sunday, which means the evenings will seem even longer throughout the winter as the sun

seems to set earlier.

Officially, the time changes at 2 a.m. Sunday, but most of us will either set our clocks back Saturday night before going to bed, or when we get up. Just don't forget, or you'll miss that extra hour of sleep — and be early for everything Sunday.

Play tickets on sale now

The annual Colby High all-school play, "Iphigenia," will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Nov. 13-14, at high school auditorium.

A Greek pasta dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. before the Friday performance by the high school forensics and debate teams.

Tickets for the play only are \$5

for adults and \$4 for Colby School District students and children. These can be purchased from any cast member, at the high school or at the door.

Tickets for the play and dinner are \$10 for adults and \$8 for district students and children. These should be purchased in advance.

For information, call Nancy Rundel at (785) 460-5300.

Freeway stop nets three

Three Emporia men were arrested for possession of marijuana at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday on Interstate 70, said Thomas County Undersheriff Allen Marcum said.

Colby Police Officers Graham Sweitzer and Tom Graham and Sheriff's Deputy Marc Finley made the arrest, he said

Arrested were 19-year-old Anthony Harris, 22-year-old Victor Zhang and 24-year-old Tyler Manges, Marcum said. They were released on a signature bond on Thursday afternoon, Marcum said.

The bonds they signed require them to show up for their court date or pay a \$1,000 penalty.



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Kansas Court of Appeals Judges Patrick D. McAnany (left) and Henry W. Green relaxed for a few minutes after hearing cases at the Thomas County Courthouse on Wednesday.

Appeals judges come to Colby to hear western Kansas cases

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Three judges from the Kansas Court of Appeals heard cases at the Thomas County Courthouse on Tuesday and Wednesday, drawing an audience of students and a few interested onlookers.

Judges Henry Green, Michael B. Buser and Patrick D. McAnany heard arguments from lawyers in 12 cases. The other 18 cases on their docket were to be decided on the basis of written briefs, without oral argument.

Court of Appeals judges are named by the governor from a list submitted by the state Supreme Court Nominating Commission, said Ron Keefover, spokesman for the Kansas judiciary. They serve four-year terms and then have to stand for retention in a general election, on a yes-or-no vote, he said.

Their job is usually to decide a case appealed from a county district court by reading the record of the trial and written briefs filed by

the parties' lawyers, then sometimes hearing oral arguments from the lawyers.

All the judges had reasons why they like their job. Green and McAnany, both trial lawyers before they became judges, said they liked not having to pick a side. Green said his love of the law is another reason he enjoyed his job.

"It's a very important job where we make decisions that resolves important disputes," Buser said.

Judge McAnany said one of the hardest parts of being a judge is dealing with an issue that has never come up before.

"You have to do a lot of research to find out where the law stands on the issue," McAnany said.

Green said some of the hardest cases to deal with on a personal level are adoption and divorce cases that involve a custody battle over a child.

"Those are the cases you lose sleep over," he said.

They all said they think the public misunderstands some things about their job.

They emphasized that, as ap-

pellate judges, it's not their job to retry a case. They look make sure no errors were committed during the actual trial.

Buser said they apply the laws of the state to the cases they hear, no matter what they think.

"We have to apply the law to facts, even if I think the law is misguided," he said.

McAnany said sometimes they had to interpret the law, but he said judges had to interpret it the way the Legislature intended.

Colby High students from Rick Williams' law and public safety class and Colby Community College students in criminal justice sat in on some of the cases.

"The judges have been hearing cases throughout the state to hear cases since the Court of Appeals was established in 1977," Keefover said.

He said the judges came to Colby because the court had enough cases from this area to be heard.

"It's cheaper to have three judges hear 12 cases than to have 30 attorneys come to Topeka," he said.

Briefly

Advance voting ends Monday

Noon Monday is the last day to cast an advance ballot if you cannot vote election day. All mailed advance ballots must be received by the county clerk by Tuesday, election day, to be counted. For information, call the clerk's office at (785) 460-4500.

Deputy retiring after 22 years

A retirement party will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Law Enforcement Training Center, 360 N. Franklin Ave., for Thomas County Sheriff's Deputy Kenneth Patton. He is leaving after 22 years.

Yard waste now OK in trash

Public Works Director Chris Bieker says people no longer need to separate their grass and household waste for trash pick-up. Trucks are running the win-

ter route, he said, and the waste can be mixed. For questions, call (785) 460 4420.

Church offers craft camp

A craft camp is planned from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday in the fireside room at the First Baptist Church, 615 W. Webster. The cost is \$5 for all day. Participants should bring materials for any craft they enjoy. Snacks and drinks will be provided. For information, call Janet at (785) 462-3440.

Wrestling tourney features star

The Daniel Cormier Open wrestling tournament will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday at the Community Building. Cormier, a former national champion at Colby College and Olympic wrestler, will talk at 6 p.m., then be available for photos.

Church plans hunters' lunch

Our Savior Lutheran Church in Brewster will hold a hunters' soup and dessert lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church. Donations will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. For home delivery in Brewster, call 694-2405 Saturday.

Commodities ready to pick up

Government commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the Retired Senior Volunteer Program office in Fike Park. Foods will include tuna, vegetable soup, canned pork, grapefruit juice, peanut butter, pinto beans, dried cherries and apricots. For information, call 462-6744.

Food signup is this week

Prairie Land Food, formerly Share, is having sign up for November through next Friday at State Farm Insurance, 905 E. Fourth St., Colby. Delivery will

be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Sacred Heart Catholic School. The cost is \$23.50 plus two hours of volunteer time. For information call Gene Griffin (785) 460-3579 or Mary Schroeder 462-7525.

Army Band to play Wednesday

The U.S. Army Field Band will give a free public concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Colby Community Building, sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association. To get free tickets by mail, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your request to Pat Ziegelmeier, Colby Community College, 1255 S. Range, Colby, Kan. 67701.

License office to close for day

The Kansas Department of Revenue driver's license office at 990 S. Range in Colby will be closed for examiner training on Wednesday. All western Kansas offices will be closed that day.