

weather report

64°

noon
Tuesday



Today

• Sunset, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6:18 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:14 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 73 degrees
- Humidity 46 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds north 19-24 mph
- Barometer 30.28 inches and steady
- Record High today 105° (1939)
- Record Low today 38° (1974)

Last 24 Hours*

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| High Monday | 88° |
| Low Monday | 65° |
| Precipitation | none |
| This month | none |
| Year to date | 3.17 |
| Below normal | 3.25 inches |

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 70, winds breezy out of the north at 15 to 35 mph and a low around 45. Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 72, winds out of the east at 5 to 15 mph and a low around 49.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high near 76, winds out of the southeast 5 to 15 mph and a low around 50. Friday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 73 and a low around 51.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

- Wheat — \$7 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$7.35
 - Corn — \$5.18 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$5.32
 - Milo — \$4.70 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$11.23 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$12.77
 - Millet — \$7 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$22.60 cwt.
 - Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Runners begin season

Members of the Cowgirls and Lady Mustang cross country team ran an exhibition at the soap scrimmage on Friday. The cross country teams will open at Sugar Hills Golf Course at 4 p.m. on Thursday. See story, photos on Page 10.

Obama speech closes convention

By Tom Betz

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Thursday was a perfect sunny day with just enough breeze to keep the heat down as more than 80,000 gathered at Invesco Field at Mile High to witness the historic moment when Sen. Barack Obama accepted the nomination for president at the Democratic National Convention.

Obama's acceptance speech was a high point the four-day convention had been pointing to, and he did not disappoint the crowd who cheered, waved flags, stomped their feet and celebrated as he spoke about changing the country.

"With profound gratitude and great humility, I accept your nomination for the presidency of the United States," Obama said in opening his speech.

The gates of Invesco had opened at 1 p.m., and the crowd had to snake its way through the security checkpoints to be in their seats by 7 p.m. when the gates were closed about an hour before Obama was to speak. In the setting sun the lines of people could be seen getting shorter as the last stragglers rushed to get into their seats.

Yonder Mountain String Band entertained the crowd before Speaker Nancy Pelosi gavelled opened the final day of the convention.

Speakers in the first hours included Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter, and Colorado Congressional members Ed Perlmutter, John Salazar and Diana DeGette.

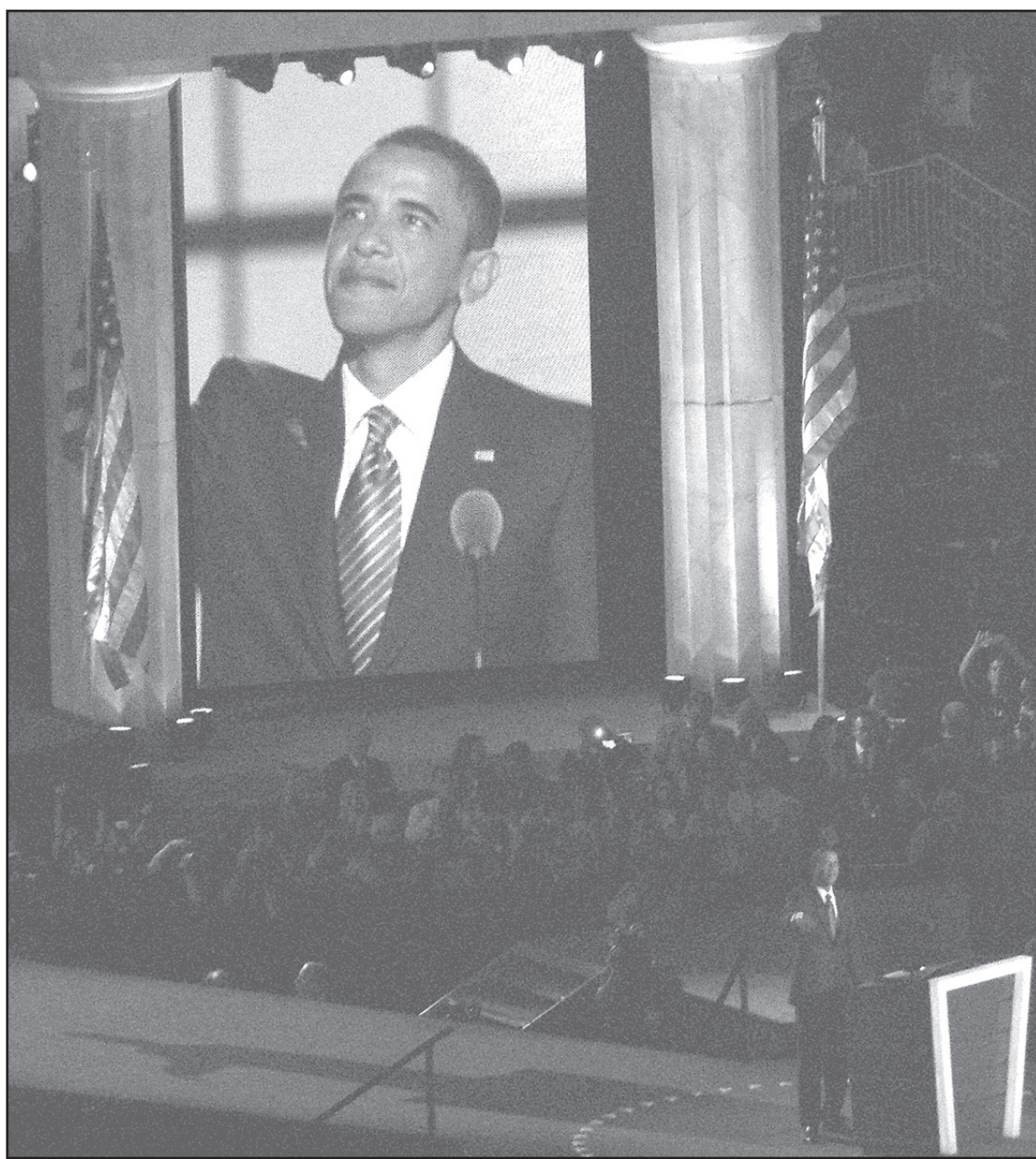
The afternoon included a salute to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who had made his famous "I have a dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington 45 years ago on Aug. 28. Among those speaking were Rev. Bernice King, Dr. King's daughter, and Martin Luther King, III, his oldest son.

Musical entertainment between speeches was provided by Will.I.Am and John Legend, Sheryl Crow, Stevie Wonder and Michael McDonald.

As darkness fell over the stadium the speakers picked up pace as former vice president Al Gore talked about how important close elections could be.

"I know something about that," he said to a wild cheer from the crowd.

Susan Eisenhower, granddaugh-



Democratic Presidential nominee Barack Obama spoke to the crowd at Invesco Field at Mile High on Thursday and large screens were on either side and around the stadium to allow everyone to see him. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

ter of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, said she is crossing party lines as an American because of the moral and financial failings of the current leadership.

"Our nation's discourse has turned into a petty squabble," she said. "Impulsive action has replaced measured response. I believe Barack Obama has the temperament to lead the country."

Vice presidential nominee Joe Biden introduced a group of six Americans who each had a personal story to tell.

Monica Early of Detroit said she got

an e-mail questioning Obama's faith and patriotism. She investigated and became a strong Obama supporter.

"I am grateful for the email which made me investigate Obama and brought me here," she said.

Barney Smith a Marion, Ind. plant worker said he was a proud Republican, but not any more. After 31 years here received 90 days severance pay and a foreign worker is doing his job.

"We need a president who puts Barney Smith before Smith-Barney," he said. The crowd cracked up as did the press room.

The crowd cheered and waved

signs and flags as Obama took the stage, and it took several minutes before he could begin his speech.

The speech lasted about 43 minutes and was marked with many cheers and ovations before he finished. When he finished he was joined on stage by his wife, Michelle and daughters Sasha and Malia and by vice president nominee Joe Biden and his wife Jill to more cheers from the crowd.

With the benediction Speaker Pelosi brought the gavel down and adjourned the 45th Democratic National Convention.

Speech a historical moment

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Invesco Field exploded with flashing lights, glittering like diamonds, a wild cheering crowd waving American flags and stomping their feet as the man walked onto the stage to deliver his acceptance speech on Thursday.

The night was clear and more than 80,000 had crowded into Invesco Field in Denver to hear the acceptance speech from Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.), the first African-American to be nominated for president from a major national party.

Over the four days of the Democratic National Convention, the pageantry and speakers had been working the crowd up to the moment that Obama arrived on stage to make his acceptance speech.

Obama's speech lasted 43 minutes, and he was repeatedly interrupted by flag waving and cheering as he hit point after point in his speech.

"It is (the American) promise that has always set this country apart — that through hard work and sacrifice, each of us can pursue our individual dreams but still come together as one American family, to ensure that the next generation can pursue their dreams as well," he said.

"That's why I stand here tonight. Because for 232 years, at each moment when that promise was in jeopardy, ordinary men and women — students and soldiers, farmers and teachers, nurses and janitors — found the courage to keep it alive.

"We meet at one of those defining moments — a moment when our nation is at war, our economy is in turmoil, and the American promise has been threatened once more.

"Tonight, I say to the American people, to Democrats and Republi-

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Gustav shortens Republican's first day

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Hurricane Gustav slammed into the Gulf Coast west of New Orleans Monday morning, and the effects were felt as far north as Minneapolis where the Republican National Convention was set to begin.

With eyes on the hurricane Republican nominee John McCain ordered the first day of the convention to be shortened to handle opening procedural matters.

Many speakers expected to be in Minneapolis on Monday were forced to cancel or to send video messages to the convention delegates.

President George Bush canceled his appearance to allow him to monitor the emergency response to the hurricane.

First Lady Laura Bush and Cindy McCain spoke to the delegates. Bush said the first concern that day was for the people from Louisiana where the hurricane was causing damage. She urged all the delegates to consider making a donation to help with the aftermath of the hurricane.

Cindy McCain said her husband John had been saying this was a day to take off Republican hats and put on American hats as they prayed for those who were facing the effects of the hurricane.

The first day of the convention had been scheduled to last about six



Cindy McCain (left) and First Lady Laura Bush spoke to the delegates during the hurricane Gustav shortened agenda on Monday at the Republican National Convention in Minneapolis. Photo by the 2008 Republican National Convention and Reflections Photography

hours, but was shortened to less than three hours.

Monday afternoon about 3 p.m. Robert M. (Mike) Duncan, chairman of the Republican National Committee, gavelled the convention to order and told the delegates it would be a short agenda because of the hurricane.

Tuesday morning the web site of the convention GOPconvention2008.com indicated the schedule for the day would return to the full six hours beginning at 3 p.m. with the focus of the day on McCain's life and service in Vietnam.

Wednesday the convention is expected to nominate McCain as

the Republican presidential nominee and to nominate and hear from Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, McCain's surprise pick for his vice presidential running mate.

McCain will give his acceptance speech about 7 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Thursday at the close of the convention.

County accepts building

By Pat Schiefen

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The Sherman County Commissioners voted 3-0 to accept the land and building at 200 E. 17th from Walt and Elizabeth Adams for the Sherman County Economic Development Council after a 10 minute executive session.

Economic Development Chairman Chuck Wilkens and vice chairman Steve West were at the meeting on Friday morning for the commissioners.

"Economic development will take responsibility for the property and the county will take care of the major maintenance," said County Commissioner Chuck Thomas. "Adams will have use of the north end of the building for storage for two years."

The commission agreed that economic development would manage the property using the county lease agreement and

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