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# Obama looks for landslide

**NATIONALLY:** McCain predicts upset in hectic final days

BY MIKE GLOVER AND DAVID ESPO  
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**DES MOINES, Iowa** — Despite John McCain's prediction of an upset, Barack Obama reached for a landslide Friday, invading his rival's home state with TV ads and building a lead in early voting in key battlegrounds as

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the presidential race headed into a hectic final weekend.

McCain charged that Obama, bidding to become the first black president, "began his campaign

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**LOCALLY:** Tenn. activists focus on North Carolina

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As time runs out on America's historic 2008 presidential campaign, East Tennesseans are lending their efforts to next-door North Carolina, which has turned into a crucial battleground state.

Polls are showing Republican John McCain with a substantial lead in Tennessee, while Democratic candidate Barack Obama has been gaining ground in North Carolina.

As a result, Knoxville supporters from both the Republican and Democratic camps are hitting the road this weekend in the hopes of

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playing a pivotal role in the election via a neighboring swing state.

Gloria Johnson, who has been a volunteer Knoxville field organizer for the Obama campaign since January, said Obama's local campaign has only recently shifted its focus to North Carolina.

"North Carolina is such an important state that we want to give them any help we can," Johnson said. "We've had so many people stepping up."

Trips to North Carolina by Obama supporters in East Tennessee have increased steadily over the last month, with most out-of-state volunteers canvassing neighborhoods.

The local Obama campaign has had more than 800 active volunteers, ac-

ording to Johnson, and a few hundred have made the two-hour drive to Western North Carolina.

Among them: 61-year-old Jerry Caveeny of Louisville, who has traveled to North Carolina each of the last five weekends, going door to door on each trip.

"It takes a lot to get me motivated," said Caveeny, who last volunteered for a presidential campaign in 1968. "But Obama did manage to inspire me."

Caveeny said he's made more than 1,000 phone calls for the Obama campaign since the primaries and has in the process recruited 40 volunteers to make trips to North Carolina.

The majority of volunteers from Blount and Knox Counties are going to Haywood County, N.C., where the focus is on undecided voters.

"You can never tell exactly what you've done," said Caveeny, who will be cam-

paigning in the rural Western North Carolina county through Tuesday. "But I feel I have brought in 20 votes that wouldn't have been in there otherwise."

Meanwhile, McCain's out-of-state efforts involving East Tennesseans have focused primarily on phone banking.

"There's not been a major effort out of state from Knox County Republicans," said McCain's Knoxville campaign manager, Bonnie Brezina. "But there are several people that are going to North Carolina and Virginia individually."

Brezina said that Knoxville's GOP is focused on fighting to take back the Tennessee state House for Republicans.

"Tennessee is probably going to remain a red state in the general election," Brezina said. "But we really want to take back the state House."