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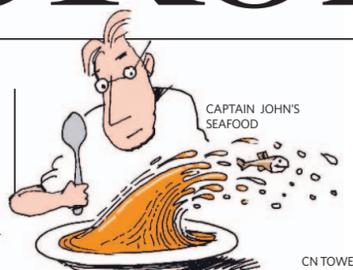
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Obama's landmark day



LARRY DOWNING/REUTERS

Senator Barack Obama makes a surprise appearance with his vice-presidential nominee, Senator Joe Biden, on the stage of the Democratic National Convention in Denver last night.

He's voted in as nominee, then thrills Democrats

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WASHINGTON BUREAU

DENVER—Democrats made history here yesterday by formally naming Barack Obama as the first African-American nominee for the White House, marking the moment with a deafening welcome for their candidate when he made a surprise appearance at the convention centre to cap the landmark day.

Obama roused the crowd by exhorting them to "join in the effort to take America back" from the Republicans.

Hours earlier, the convention had made his nomination official when, during the traditional roll call of delegate votes, former rival Hillary Clinton walked onto the convention floor and urged that Obama be acclaimed as the party's candidate for the November presidential election.

She was answered by a chorus of 4,000 delegates who responded with a resounding, "Aye."

Obama, who appeared on stage after a speech by vice-presidential nominee Joe Biden, said Hillary

Clinton had "rocked the house," and added that Bill Clinton, who blessed Obama's candidacy last night, reminded Americans of a time when a president actually put people first.

Hillary's exhortation to delegates to acclaim Obama, the first black ever to carry his party's hopes in a presidential election, marked her surrender after a five-month odyssey of primaries and caucuses.

Her effort to heal the rift in the

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Bill Clinton gets in subtle digs at Obama. **Rosie DiManno, AA1**
Will Obama's speech today have the right amount of substance? Foreign policy will be priority for Obama. **Thomas Walkom, AA2**
Next U.S. president will have to be a hawk. **Comment, AA8**

Outbreak spurs plan for food safety blitz

Ottawa promises to hire more food inspectors, considers irradiation to kill deadly bacteria

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Ottawa will hire more food inspectors and may allow irradiation of meat to reduce bacteria that causes food-borne diseases such as the deadly outbreak of listeria linked to ready-to-eat meats.

Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz announced at an Ottawa press conference yesterday that an extra 58 food inspectors will be hired this year. This is on top of 200 new hires in the past two years and a previ-

ously announced \$113 million in new funding for food safety.

Meanwhile, Dr. Jeff Farber, director of Health Canada's bureau of microbial hazards, said the government is considering approving the irradiation of meats by early 2009.

This involves zapping foods with a shot of radiation to kill such harmful bacteria as listeria and E.coli.

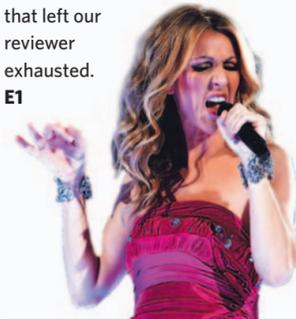
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the irradiation of meat in 2000, but the practice has not gained widespread consumer acceptance.

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CÉLINE'S TRICKS

Céline Dion played Toronto last night for the first time since 1999 and held nothing back in a show that left our reviewer exhausted.

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Does PM really want another minority?

Former top aide says it's part of a master plan; Liberals aren't buying it

RICHARD BRENNAN
OTTAWA BUREAU

TUKTOYAKTUK, N.W.T.—After Canadians go to the polls in the next federal election they can expect more of the same — another minority government, says Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who appears poised to call a snap election.

"My expectation would be that we will have another minority government. I think that is the reality of the current political environment," Harper told reporters yesterday after announcing measures to ensure

Canada's sovereignty in the North. A minority government would likely last only a couple of years but it would govern with the benefit of a fresh mandate, Harper said.

A former chief of staff to Harper suggests there's more to the Prime Minister's benign justification for launching an election than meets the eye.

Tom Flanagan believes Harper would be satisfied to return with a strengthened Conservative minority, something he says would mean the immediate ouster of Stéphane Dion as Liberal leader, increase financial strain on the Liberal party and throw the party into chaos.

Flanagan said such a result would

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