

National and World News

FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Endorsement to Obama in Nevada

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Presidential candidate Barack Obama has won the support of the 60,000-member Culinary Workers Union in Nevada, a coup for the Democrat that could boost his candidacy against Hillary Rodham Clinton in the state's nominating contest. Leaders of the Culinary Workers Union, Local 226 announced the endorsement at a news conference in Las Vegas Wednesday, the day after Obama narrowly lost the New Hampshire primary to Clinton.

Romney pulls ads in southern states

BOSTON (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has decided to pull his advertising from South Carolina and Florida, in a sign of trouble for a campaign that badly needs a win. "We feel the best strategy is to focus our paid messaging in Michigan," Romney spokesman Kevin Madden said Wednesday. The decision comes on the heels of back-to-back second-place finishes in Iowa and New Hampshire for the former Massachusetts governor.

Confrontation with Iran shadows opening of peacemaking mission

JERUSALEM (AP) — President Bush warned Iran of "serious consequences" if it meddles again with U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf, opening a Mideast peacemaking mission Wednesday on an ominous note. He told Israel to dismantle unauthorized settlement outposts and demanded that the Palestinians halt rocket attacks from areas controlled by Hamas Islamic militants. Bush, on his first visit as president to Israel, acknowledged widespread doubts about whether he can break through decades of distrust to achieve his goal of a major

peace agreement by the end of his presidency in January 2009. Already a troubling issue for Bush, Iran jumped back into the spotlight Sunday when Iranian boats harassed and provoked three American Navy ships in the strategic Strait of Hormuz. U.S. officials said Iran threatened to explode the vessels, but the incident ended peacefully. Bush already was on the defensive about Iran because a new U.S. intelligence report contradicted White House assertions that Tehran was building a nuclear weapon.

Former rebel will lead in Kosovo

PRISTINA, Serbia (AP) — Kosovo's parliament elected a former rebel leader as prime minister Wednesday, a vote foreshadowing a declaration of independence from Serbia. Lawmakers voted 85-22 to make Hashim Thaci head of the coalition government. Both the U.S. and key European governments support independence for Kosovo, but it is fiercely opposed by Serbia and Russia. Kosovo, though legally part of Serbia, has been under U.N. and NATO control since NATO's 78-day bombing campaign in 1999.

U.S. Marines to go to Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The Pentagon is preparing to send at least 3,000 Marines to Afghanistan in April to bolster efforts to hold off another expected Taliban offensive in the spring, military officials said Wednesday. The move represents a shift in Pentagon thinking that has been slowly developing after months of repeated insistence that the U.S. was not inclined to fill the need for as many as 7,500 more troops that commanders have asked for there. Instead, Defense Secretary Robert Gates pressed NATO allies to contribute the extra forces.

FINANCES

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camp for a harsh-but-critical winter during the Revolutionary War and King of Prussia Mall, one of the largest shopping conglomerations in the United States.

Pennoyer held positions in two Connecticut towns before going to Upper Merion. Pennoyer, who starts Feb. 4, has worked in Durham for eight and a half years and said that he and his wife intend to stay in the area, which made the job in Chapel Hill a possibly once-in-a-lifetime chance.

Stancil said the understanding of local issues that the Norwalk, Conn.

native's experience in Durham had given him will also be useful.

Pennoyer holds an undergraduate degree from Central Connecticut State University and a Master of Business Administration from Villanova University. He said he has worked in offices where finance and technology are closely linked, and Stancil was keen to mention Pennoyer's work on some technology initiatives for Durham.

Stancil said Pennoyer would work to complete ongoing technological initiatives, like downtown wireless.

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2.5 MINUTE

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intention is for audience members to use their imagination to envision photos as if they were displaying photos of Kron's family.

However, the subject material of Kron's performance can be intimidating, especially given the actress' intense style of delivery.

Kron's performance is an invigorating roller coaster ride of emotion, both literally and figuratively, which makes the story difficult to follow, at times.

But Kron uses creative, unusual staging and her genuine emotions to assist the audience toward understanding her story.

Through her personal delivery, Kron allows the audience to take a glance into a part of her life that

most people might rather keep buried inside.

The intimacy of the Kenan Theatre and its limited seating creates an almost instant personal feel. Since the audience is so physically close to the performer throughout the entire production, it's nearly impossible to withdraw from Kron's compelling message.

But it's Kron's uncanny ability to amuse and move her listeners by relating to their lives and sharing pieces of her own that makes "2.5 Minute Ride" a success.

The performer and playwright's compassionate language delivers a moving and emotional narrative that will nurture even the most jaded soul.

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KIDZU

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est in museums after the opening year to the initial novelty that eventually loses its luster.

But the Discovery Museum, which opened in 1986 with 1,000 square feet of gallery space and has since expanded to 4,000 square feet of gallery space, is proof that children's museums can still attract visitors long after opening.

"Last year we had 53,909," Linden said. "That was our record."

Kidzu still is looking to expand from its leased location at 105 E. Franklin St. of 2,700 square feet to a site measuring 15,000 to 20,000 square feet.

"This is really a pivotal year for Kidzu," Maris said. "We've demonstrated success at our current site and overshot our projections, but we can't sustain ourselves in this location indefinitely."

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CONSTRUCTION

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Laura Cotterman, publications and publicity coordinator for the N.C. Botanical Garden.

Runberg said that the project should take about 18 months to complete and that only the basic groundwork has begun.

The center will have "green" sustainable features, such as a geothermal well, cisterns for collecting rainwater and solar energy panels.

"The hope is that the building itself and the grounds will demonstrate how a building can be built to be conducive to good environmental stewardship," Cotterman said.

She said that the project costs

"All of that work is going to take probably three years. So we're going to be busy down there for a while."

BRUCE RUNBERG, ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND PLANNING ON SCIENCE COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION about \$12 million and that the botanical garden still needs about \$2.5 million. "It's all privately raised funds," she said. "Just recently the chancellor has committed \$250,000 to the project, but otherwise it's all been completely privately raised and many of it from individuals."

Utility projects

Several small utility projects

should be wrapping up in the next 40 days, Runberg said.

The projects are on South Road, Raleigh Road, South Columbia Street and Manning Drive.

The steam pipe project between the Carolina Inn and the cogeneration power plant on Cameron Avenue will take about two years to complete.

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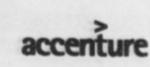
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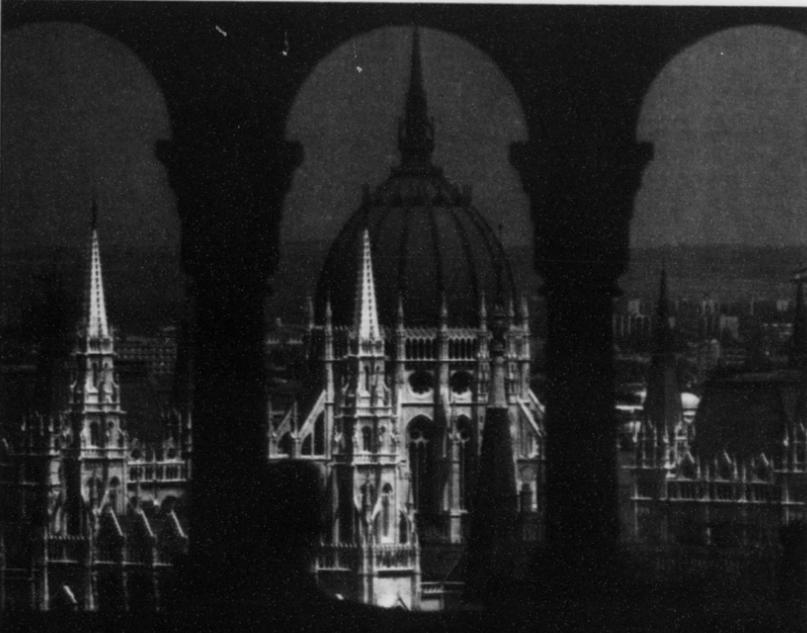




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