

A HEAD FOR HOPS

Want to learn to appreciate the finer points of beer for this weekend's Brewers Heritage Festival? Adam Jadhav's new Hip Hops column has tips. **Let's Eat | L1**

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A NEW LOOK FOR ST. LOUIS' NO. 1 WEBSITE

We're making some changes to STLtoday.com, updating the site to bring you more news, more multimedia and more ways to share your stories and opinions.

We're also hoping that we've made the site easier to navigate.

In the days ahead, you will see test versions of the new STLtoday.com. We welcome your questions and opinions about the new site.

Send questions to sitehelp@STLtoday.com

Share your opinions at the Editors' Desk blog: STLtoday.com/editorsdesk

TOP NEWS

VETS' SUICIDES SPUR INQUIRY

An e-mail from the VA's mental health director spurs a congressman to accuse the veterans agency of criminal negligence.

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LOCAL NEWS

BURKE'S LAW

Pope Benedict XVI names St. Louis Archbishop Raymond Burke to two Vatican offices, including a council that interprets church law.

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CLEAN POWER

An AmerenUE program that allows customers to help pay to develop renewable energy projects is growing slowly, but steadily.

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CARDINALS WIN

Looper pitches into the ninth, and the Cards hang on to beat the Rockies 6-5.

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CAMPUS DRUG CASE

Scores of students have been arrested after an undercover drug investigation focused on San Diego State University.

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ETHANOL BACKLASH

Ethanol, which was hailed by many not too long ago as the answer to energy independence and global warming, takes a hit as food prices soar.

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ELECTION 2008 • DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES

Looks like a split decision

INDIANA
Hillary Clinton was narrowly winning, but Lake County results were still trickling in. **72 delegates at stake**



NORTH CAROLINA
Barack Obama won, getting 56 percent of the vote to 42 percent for Clinton. **115 delegates at stake**



By David Espo and Liz Sidoti
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS • Barack Obama swept to victory in the North Carolina primary Tuesday night and declared he was closing in on the Democratic presidential nomination. Hillary Rodham Clinton clung to a narrow Indiana lead, struggling to halt her rival's march into history.

"Tonight we stand less than 200 delegates away from securing the Democratic nomination for president of the United States," Obama told a raucous rally in Raleigh, N.C. — and left no doubt he intended to claim the prize.

Clinton and Obama both said she would win Indiana. Yet thousands of votes were yet to be counted, principally in Lake County, not far from Obama's home city of Chicago.

She told cheering supporters in Indianapolis: "Thanks to you, it's full speed on to the White House," signaling her determination to fight on in a campaign already waged across more than 15 months and nearly all 50 states.

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chat STLtoday.com/discussions • Talk about Tuesday's primary results at 11 a.m. with Bill Lambrecht of the Post-Dispatch Washington bureau.

FOREST PARK STATUE GETS A BRUSH-UP

Bob Marti of Russell-Marti Conservation Services brushes away old acrylic coating and corrosion from the statue of Frank P. Blair Jr. in Forest Park on Tuesday as the monument to the U.S. senator is prepared for restoration at Kingshighway and Lindell Boulevard. As a general and the creator of the first volunteer Union Army in the South, Blair was instrumental in seizing the U.S. Arsenal at St. Louis and stopping a large part of Missouri from joining the Confederacy. The statue was donated in 1885. Robert Cohen | Post-Dispatch



Aid starts to reach stricken Myanmar

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

YANGON, MYANMAR • International aid began to trickle into Myanmar on Tuesday, but the stricken Irrawaddy Delta, the nation's rice bowl where 22,000 people perished and twice as many are missing, remained cut off from the world.

In the former capital of Yangon, soldiers from the repressive military regime were out on the streets in large numbers for the first time since Cyclone Nargis hit over the weekend, helping to clear away rubble. Buddhist monks and Catholic nuns wielded axes and long

44,000 MISSING
Areas hardest hit by cyclone are cut off by flooding, road damage.

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More dirty air warnings are likely

By Kim McGuire
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Tougher limits on ozone will likely mean more warnings this summer about unhealthy levels of air pollution.

In March, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed stronger air pollution limits for ozone, the prime ingredient in urban smog. The EPA cited studies showing ozone can trigger health problems at levels lower than previously thought.

As a result, the agency adjusted the color-coded tool it uses to warn the public about

NEW OZONE RULES
EPA's tougher pollution limits led to lower threshold to trigger alerts.

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People eager to adopt tot left in bin

NEWBORN DOING OK
Police are seeking his mother, who could face criminal charges.

By Jeremy Kohler
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

He was unwanted on Monday. A day later, everybody wanted him.

The newborn boy found in a waste bin Monday night was in good condition Tuesday at St. Louis Children's Hospital. Police said they had no clue who his parents are or why he was left — umbilical cord and placenta still attached — buried with branches and leaves in a bin in an alley behind the 5700 block of Waterman Boulevard.

Doctors found no infections or birth defects. He was eating and breathing with no problems. And, even though child welfare officials were keeping baby pictures under wraps, he was the talk of the town.

"Absolutely everyone under the sun has called to ask, 'How do I go about adopting this baby?'" said Margie Batek, a social worker for Children's Hospital.

Many more people seeking to adopt called child welfare officials with the Missouri Division of Social Services and media outlets, including the Post-Dispatch.

For now, the baby is a ward of the state. In the next day or so, a "family support" team of officials will convene to make recommendations to a judge about the baby's future. He will likely go to an adoptive family,

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WHO SHOULD GO HOME?

Who should be voted off of tonight's episode of "American Idol"? Cast your vote before the show in our poll online.

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