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## ABOUT AMERICA

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### PRESIDENT BUSH - HIS STANDING HAS NOT IMPROVED

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### 2008 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN Democrats - Act VII Has Begun Obama on the cusp

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## STATE OF THE NATION

Many Americans are depressed, depressed about the state of the country, the state of the federal government and the state of their lives.

- \* 72% of Americans believe the country is on the wrong track (highest wrong track score in the history of the 20 history of the poll). [NBC/WSJ 4/08]
- \* 74% think the economy is getting worse. [CBS/NYT 4/08]
- \* 45% think the nation's economy will get worse during the next twelve months (highest number in the history of the poll). [NBC/WSJ 4/08]

- \* 81% believe the United States is in a recession now.  
[NBC/WSJ 4/08]
- \* 58% are dissatisfied with the state of the U.S. economy  
(highest dissatisfaction in the history of the  
poll). [NBC/WSJ 4/08]
- \* 77% rate the national economy as bad. [CBS/NYT 4/08]
- \* 43% say economic conditions are poor. [Gallup 5/08]

Since forever, the United States has been the leader in global distribution of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). That day is coming to an end. In a recent paper for the National Bureau of Economic Research Robert Fogel predicts that, by 2040, China will be the leader. In 2000 the U.S. produced 22% of global GDP, followed closely by the European Union (EU) at 21%, and China tied for 3rd with a group of SE Asian countries at 11%.

By 2040, Fogel predicts that China will be first, with 40% of global GDP, the U.S. will be second with 14%, and the EU will be 5th with 5%.

Grouping	2000	2040	2000	2040
	GDP in billions of \$ (PPP)	GDP in billions of \$ (PPP)	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
United States	9,601	41,944	22	14
European Union (EU 15)	9,264	15,040	21	5
India	2,375	36,528	5	12
China	4,951	123,675	11	40
Japan	3,456	5,292	8	2
6 South East Asian Countries	2,552	35,604	6	12
Subtotals	32,199	258,083	73	85
Rest of the World	12,307	49,774	28	16
World	44,506	307,857	101	101

**The Global Distribution of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2000 and 2040, by Grouping of Nations**

**Note: The table above combines some elements of Tables 1 and 2 of Capitalism and Democracy in 2040: Forecasts and Speculations, Working Paper 13184 <http://www.nber.org/papers/w13184>, National Bureau of Economic Research by Robert W. Fogel.**

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- \* 66% disapprove of the job being done by the President  
(ties for highest disapproval of his tenure).  
[NBC/WSJ 4/08]

An even higher disapproval was recorded in the CBS/NYT poll, 74% disapproving of the job being done by the President on the economy. [4/08]

- \* 68% disapprove of the job being done by the Congress.  
[CBS/NYT 4/08]

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- \* 45% are dissatisfied with their personal financial situation (highest dissatisfaction since 1994 other than October 2002). [NBC/WSJ 4/08]
- \* 68% of Americans are worried about maintaining their current standard of living, an increase from 51% recorded in December. [ABC/WP 5/08]
- \* When asked about their household income
  - 23% say - not enough to pay bills
  - 48% say - just enough to pay bills and obligations
  - 27% say - can save and buy extras [CBS/NYT 4/08]
- \* In April, food prices rose at a higher rate (.9%) than in any month since January 1990. [WP 5/15/08]

Here are a series of findings from Gallup that relate to economic issues being faced by Americans. [Surveys taken during April and May]

- \* 46% of Americans report that recent food prices are causing them financial hardship. But it is worst for those making \$30,000 or less per year, where 64% report distress.
- \* 68% report cutting back on household expenses because of the increased cost of gasoline.
- \* A year ago, 46% said that it was a good time to find a quality job. Now that number has dropped to 20%.
- \* 52% of Americans believe they are paying too much in federal income taxes. But 60% report the income tax they are paying as "fair."
- \* 49% report that their financial situation is getting worse.
- \* 90% of Americans expect that gas prices will hit \$4 this summer. 74% expect prices to hit \$5 per gallon. And 5% think prices will hit \$6. (What do you think?)
- \* One in seven U.S. workers fear they will be laid off in the next 12 months. [Pew 4/08]

- \* Women are facing more difficult times than men during the current economic crisis.
  - real median wages for women dropped 3% in 2007, while they only dropped 0.5% for men.
  - unemployment has risen higher than for men
  - women are 32% more likely than men to have subprime mortgages
  - women earn only 77 cents for every dollar earned by men
  - non-married women have a net worth 48% lower than non-married men.

[Report released by Senator Ted Kennedy 4/18/08]

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- \* The Democrats are trusted to do a better job of coping with the nation's problems over the next several years. So say 53% of respondents, as opposed to 32% who select the Republicans. [ABC/WP 5/08]
- \* 41% rate the Democratic party unfavorably (54% favorably), while 58% consider the Republican party unfavorably. [CBS/NYT 4/08]
- \* When asked, "Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic is more likely to

	<u>GOP</u>	<u>DEM</u>
Come closer to sharing your moral values	34%	50%
Improve the healthcare system	19%	63%
Make right decisions dealing with immigration	38%	42%
Make sure US military defenses are strong	60%	27%
Make right decisions about Iraq war	34%	50%
Ensure a strong economy	28%	56%

[CBS/NYT 4/08]

- \* 41% list the economy as the number one issue they would like to hear about from the Presidential candidates. Running second is the war in Iraq (17%), with health care in 3rd place at 8%.

Just over 6 months ago the number one issue, at 26%, was the war, followed by healthcare at 25%, and the economy at 11%. The importance of the economy has grown fast since then. By March of '08 economy had moved to #1 at 29%. [CBS/NYT 4/08]

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## PRESIDENT BUSH

There is little left to be said about President Bush. In addition to the disapproval of the overall job he is doing -

- \* 73% disapprove of the job being done by President Bush on the economy (highest disapproval of his tenure). [NBC/WSJ 4/08]
- \* 64% disapprove of Bush's handling of Iraq. [CBS/NYT 4/08]
- \* 56% have negative feelings about the President (ties for most negative feelings of his ensure). [NBC/WSJ 4/08]

It is hard to see how public attitudes toward the President will change between now and end of his term in January 2009.

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### **THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN**

Your editor has experienced every Presidential campaign since 1964. Each of those campaigns had its own moments, and its own memories. But there has never been anything quite like the 2008 Presidential campaign.

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### **DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY**

Act VII of the Democratic Presidential primary campaign has begun.

During Act I the major candidates, for the most part, played quite nicely together and were basically positive.

During Act II the gloves came off.

Act III ended with the Iowa caucus and the New Hampshire primary, after which the field narrowed to two.

Act IV played out on Super Tuesday. The play was supposed to effectively be over by then, and the Democratic nominee would be known. It didn't end that way.

Many thought that Act V would be Hillary Clinton's last stand. It didn't work out that way, as she won Ohio and the popular vote in Texas.

Act VI ended on May 6th. During this act, Clinton won Pennsylvania (Delegates: HRC 85 - BO 73 ). Barack Obama won North Carolina (HRC 50 - BO 65). Clinton narrowly won Indiana by 14,500 popular votes (HRC 38 - BO 34). Adding elected delegates won in the 3 contests Clinton had a net +1.

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Act VII opened on May 7th, and will finish on June 3, give or take a few days. It includes scenes in West Virginia 5/13, Oregon 5/20, Kentucky 5/20, Puerto Rico 6/1, Montana 6/3, and South Dakota 6/3. [217 pledged Delegates to be elected.]

This act has opened with a bang. On May 13th, Clinton overran Obama by 41 points in West Virginia, a state that every successful Democratic candidate since 1912 has won in the general election.

Then on May 14th, just about 24 hours after the polls closed in West Virginia, John Edwards stood with Barack Obama on a stage in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and announced that he was supporting Obama over Clinton.

While he premised his endorsement of Obama with strong and positive statements about Clinton, his support of Obama was unequivocal. Notably Elizabeth Edwards was not with him.

The big question now is whether Edwards' support will provide new impetus to Obama in Kentucky on May 20th, a contest that Clinton is currently scheduled to win.

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There will be an Act VIII. It will end no later than August 28th. Some argue that it will be anti-climatic, but they are not thinking about Thursday August 27th.

On that night, for the first time in the history of this country, a woman or an African American man will accept the nomination of a major political party, the Democratic Party.

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Here is a summary of the first 6 acts and the first moments of the VII [as of May 15th].

Here is the status of the Democratic race as of May 15th:

Senator Obama leads in every category

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Obama's net</u>
Pledged Delegates	1599	1447	+152
Super Delegates*	286	276	+ 10
Total	1885	1723	+162
Delegates needed to win	131	303	

[Source: MSNBC 6:00 a.m. 5/15/08]

Total pledged Delegates still to be elected - 189  
Super Delegates who have not yet announced - 234  
Number of primaries and caucuses to be conducted - 5

Percentage of total votes to be elected or announced needed to reach the magic number of 2026 (majority of total Delegates minus Florida and Michigan):

Obama 31%

Clinton 72%

Total popular vote cast, including Florida and Michigan:  
33,391,725 [not including IA,NV,ME,WA]

Popular vote margins

Obama + 793,610 (not including Florida or Michigan)

Obama + 298,838 (Florida in)

Obama + 29,471 (Florida and Michigan in)

States won, not including contests not in States or DC:

Obama 28

Clinton 17

Delegate and Super Delegate totals are the only official results needed for nomination under Democratic Party rules. The popular vote is used as part of the persuasion campaign directed at Super Delegates.

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And then there is Michigan and Florida. While the situations in Michigan and Florida are quite different, the net result is the same.

The delegations from both states will be seated at the Democratic National Convention. However, as a practical matter, the Delegate results from neither state will have any impact on the outcome of the nomination fight.

Best estimate is that, if Clinton's position was to prevail (that the results from Florida be accepted as is [Clinton and Obama were on the ballot] and the uncommitted vote in Michigan be treated as if it had been cast for Obama), Clinton would net an additional 55 pledged Delegates.

The Democratic Party's Rules and By-Laws Committee will meet on May 31st. The Committee has jurisdiction over the Florida and Michigan cases until June 29th. Thereafter, the Convention Credentials Committee will have to make the decision.

Betting is that the matter will be resolved on May 31st. Critical to the decision is finding a solution that both candidates will endorse or at least not oppose.

The Obama campaign is not likely to accept any proposal that results in Obama having a lead of less than 100 pledged Delegates overall. And it would not surprise if the Clinton campaign accepts a result in which the relative results of the two primaries are accepted, but each Delegate has less than a full vote.

It makes little difference at this stage, but it may be worth remembering that Obama, Joe Biden, and Bill Richardson withdrew from the Michigan primary in October 2007. They acted at the request of the four states who were allowed to conduct primaries or caucuses before the Democrats' primary window opened.

Senator Clinton, Chris Dodd, Dennis Kucinich, and Mike Gravel chose to stay on the Michigan ballot.

Both groups made political decisions that one way or another were intended to be to their benefit.

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Continuing from the last newsletter is a listing of Gallup's rolling 3-day sample (the oldest day of interviews is dropped as a new day's interviews are added).

Here is what it has been reported since March 20th.

March 20	Clinton 48% - Obama 43%
March 21-22	Obama led
March 23	tie
March 24-April 17	Obama led
April 17	Obama +3
April 18	Clinton +1
April 19-24	Obama led
April 25 & 26	tie
April 27	Obama +1
April 28-May 1	Clinton led
May 1	Clinton +2
May 2	tie
May 3-13	Obama led
May 13	Obama +6

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It is likely, that Barack Obama will be able to claim the nomination, by any standard, following the May 20th contests in Kentucky and Oregon. He will be able to claim to have acquired more than half of the pledged Delegates and sufficient numbers of Super Delegates to hit the magic number.

And even if Michigan and Florida were fully counted, as the Clinton campaign is requesting, the net Delegates which Clinton would achieve would not be enough to block Obama.

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Among Democrats and persons who did or would have voted in the Democratic primaries, 51% would enthusiastically vote for either Clinton or Obama. 17% say they would not vote for Obama and 14% say they would not vote for Clinton. [NBC/WSJ 4/29]

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The Obama campaign, any economist that was asked (and some that weren't asked), and various media commentators announced... often and loudly...that Clinton's proposal for a summer gas tax holiday was at best a bad idea and at worst pandering.

Well, average Americans do not seem to share their view. By 54% to 42% they favor the idea, and among lower-income households the margin grows to 65% to 30%. [Gallup 5/08]

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What is the impact of race on this election? That will be a subject on which commentators will comment through the general election and beyond.

WW has looked at the results of the various primaries and caucuses completed to date in light of the size of the African American and Hispanic populations in each state.

Obama has dominated in those states (+DC) that have the smallest percentage of African Americans and in those states that have the largest percentage of African Americans.

He has won 12 of the 15 contests in which the African American population is less than 4%, and 10 of the 11 contests in which the African American population is greater than 16%. In those 18 states where the population ranges from 4%-16%, Obama won 8, while Clinton won 11.

In those states in which the Hispanic population is less than 4%, Obama won 10 of 17 contests. In those states in which the population ranges from 4%-16% Obama won 17 of 22 events. And in those 6 states where the population is greater than 16%, Obama won 2, while Clinton won 4.

Complete charts of these breakdowns are attached at the end of this newsletter.

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### **THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY**

John McCain has begun his general election campaigning. He has gone to places that national Republicans generally avoid because their potential for Republican votes is so low. McCain is making clear that nothing is off limits.

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### **THE GENERAL ELECTION**

When thinking about the general election it is important to remember that the contest has not really been joined. Prospective voters are not really faced with their final choices

or any pressure to make a lasting decision about who they will support.

The NBC/WSJ survey (4/08) found that potential voters prefer to see a Democrat elected President by 51% - 33%, an 18 point margin. But Democratic euphoria was destined to be short lived.

When McCain is matched with the two potential Democratic candidates the results are quite different.

	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Clinton</u>
NBC/WSJ (4/29)	43%	46%	44%	45%
CBS/NYT (4/29)	45	45	43	48
ABC/WP (5/11)	44	51	46	49

Here are a series of characteristics by which Americans judge the following candidates for President.

	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Clinton	42%	44%
Obama	46	37
McCain	40	30

(NBC/WSJ 4/08)

Does the person have a background and set of values with which the respondent identifies? [NBC/WSJ 4/08]

	<u>Has background</u>	<u>Does not have background</u>
Clinton	48%	48%
Obama	45	48
McCain	54	39

Do you view the person favorably or unfavorably? [CBS/NYT 4/29]

	<u>Favorably</u>	<u>Unfavorably</u>
Clinton	36%	42%
Obama	39	34
McCain	33	34

How confident are you that the person has the ability to deal with economic issues? [NBC/WSJ 4/08]

	<u>Confident</u>	<u>Somewhat/Not confident</u>
Clinton	40%	59%
Obama	35	62
McCain	34	60

The more you hear about the candidate the more or less you like him/her? [ABC/WP 5/11]

	<b>More you like</b>	<b>Less you like</b>
Clinton	15%	23%
Obama	26	24
McCain	14	20

The question on many lips is whether any of these candidates has a personal characteristic which makes them unappealing to voters. That does not seem to be the case. [ABC/WP 5/11]

84% are comfortable with a woman President  
88% are comfortable with an African American President  
60% are comfortable with a person entering the office of the President at the age of 82

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Americans are about equally divided, 47% to 43%. as to whether it is more important for a candidate for President to have "strength and experience" vs "new direction and new ideas". [ABC/WP 5/08]

Independents prefer Obama to McCain by 44% to 42%, and McCain over Clinton by 46% to 41%. [Gallup May 08]

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### THE CONGRESS

The most recent CBS/NYT and NBC/WSJ surveys (completed on 4/29) show a strong preference for the election of a Democratic Congress.

	DEM	GOP	NET
CBS/NYT	50	32	18
NBC/WSJ	49	34	15

On the other hand, the last time Americans rated the Congress as low as it is currently rated (68% disapproval) was in the 1996 period.

The 18% approval rating of Congress found by Gallup in early May ties the lowest rating recorded in the 34-year history of the poll. The previous lows were found in August 2007 and March 1992.

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### THE U.S. SENATE

Democrats 49  
Republicans 49  
Independents 2 (caucus Dem)

There have been no changes in Senate races which suggest that Republican prospects have improved. If anything, it is leaning the other way.

Virginia now seems like an almost certain Democratic pickup, with former governor Mark Warner exercising control in the race.

Colorado remains a likely Democratic pickup, along with New Hampshire, now that Jeanne Shaheen (D) has decided to run. Mary Landrieu (D) from Louisiana remains the most potentially vulnerable Democratic incumbent.

Tim Johnson (D) of South Dakota seems to be on the road to re-election.

Incumbent Ted Stevens (R) Alaska is in trouble. Mark Begich (D), the Mayor of Anchorage, is challenging him. Given Stevens' alleged problems, Begich's prospects have improved of late.

In Minnesota, incumbent Norm Coleman (R) is being challenged by Al Franken (D). While Franken's prospects of beating Coleman seemed to be improving, recent events may turn out to be a gift to Coleman. It appears that Franken failed to pay certain taxes in several states relating to a business in which he was involved.

Mark Udall's (D) prospects in Colorado seem to be improving.

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Here is how the 33 Senate elections (12 Democratic incumbents, 21 Republican incumbents) look to me at this time (underlining reflects retirement). (D=Dem incumbent in office, R=GOP incumbent in office, I=Ind. incumbent in office)

Safe	Leaning		Leaning	Safe
<u>Democratic(11)</u>	<u>Democratic(2)</u>	<u>Toss-Up(5)</u>	<u>Republican(5)</u>	<u>Republican(10)</u>
Arkansas	Louisiana	Alaska	Maine	Alabama
Delaware	South Dakota	<u>Colorado</u>	<u>Nebraska</u>	Georgia
Illinois		Minnesota	No. Carolina	Idaho
Iowa		New Hampshire	Oklahoma	Kansas
Massachusetts		<u>New Mexico</u>	Oregon	Kentucky
Michigan				Mississippi
Montana				So. Carolina
New Jersey				Tennessee
Rhode Island				Texas
<u>Virginia</u>				Wyoming
West Virginia				

	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Ind</u>
Seats not up in 2006	37	28	2
Safe in 2006	11	10	0
Leaning in 2006	2	5	0
Total	50	43	2
Toss-ups	5 (5R)		

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If Democrats do pick up several seats in the Senate, some folks are asking whether they will replace Joe Lieberman (I) of Connecticut as Chair of the Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee.

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## THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Democrats 236  
Republicans 199

It is likely that the Democrats will pick up multiple seats in the November election. Turning again to the Cook Political Report for an assessment of House races, the current lineup is as follows.

In the April NBC/WSJ poll a generic Democrat has a 13-point advantage over a generic Republican. In the CBS/NYT survey taken in the same time frame the Democratic advantage is 15 points.

	<u>5/8/08</u>
Solid Dem	200
Likely Dem	14
Lean Dem	15
Total Dem	229
TossUp	20
D	6
R	14
Lean GOP	13
Likely GOP	16
Solid GOP	157
Total GOP	186

The most dramatic indicator of where the fall House elections are headed is the 3 Republican seats that turned Democratic in recent special elections in the states of Illinois, Louisiana and Mississippi.

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## WISDOM FROM SAUL TURTELTAUB

"On the plus side of aging is the increased number of possessions that will last a lifetime."

"If you can't stand the weight, get out of the kitchen."

"I grew up in a very baseball-minded family. My Mother was always making sacrifices. I was always making errors, and when my father came home he was the designated hitter."

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## THIS AND THAT

It would appear that "political loyalty" is an oxymoron.

64% of Americans would not forgive their spouse for an extramarital affair.

In married couples in America today, 68% say the wife does the laundry, while 57% say the husband does the yard work. This division of labor has not changed in the last 11 years.

51% believe that government should redistribute wealth by heavy taxes on the rich.

Iran is now considered to be the US's greatest enemy, followed by Iraq, China and North Korea.

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"A penny saved is a government oversight."

"The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."

"The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your body fat have gotten to be really good friends."

"He who hesitates is probably right."

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"To write with a broken pencil is pointless."

"A thief who stole a calendar got 12 months."

"The dead batteries were given out free of charge."

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## RESTAURANTS

### Park Avenue

Spring  
63rd & Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10021  
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This restaurant is known for changing its menu with the seasons. When I was there with Rita, Jay and Meredith, the Spring menu was being featured.

The restaurant is entered on 63rd. You walk in to a relatively small area that includes a maitre de's station, a

small bar with 6 high stools, and waiting diners crowded together.

To the left, up a few stairs, there is a hallway about 20 feet long. On the left is a long, high table with high chairs, which can be used for dinner seating. To the right are the two restrooms.

Up 4 more stairs, at the end of the hall, is one of the two dining rooms. The second dining room is to the right as you enter. Together the two rooms can accommodate around 200 people.

We were given a table in the main level dining room. Both dining rooms are fairly dark, crowded and noisy. The tables and chairs are uncovered wood and not the most comfortable.

On the other hand, the food is quite good, and the service was spot on. There were an unusual number of floor managers making sure everything flowed smoothly.

The menu is marked by innovative dishes for each course.

Rita started with Thai "Minestrone", Spring Vegetables, Lemongrass Tapioca; Jay went with Proscuitto and Quail Egg; Meredith had a Cured-Lemon Caesar Salad; and I opened with a Sweet Pea & Carrot Salad and Crispy Soft Shell Crab.

Meredith selected as her main course Filet Mignon with Roast Beet and Gorgonzola Tart; Rita opted for Grilled Lamb Chops with Apricots, Toasted Cumin, Mint Garden salad. Jay had the Dover Sole with Fines Herbes Brown Butter; and I ordered the Roast Spring Chicken with Honey Lemon Provencal Vegetables.

In addition to the main dishes there are a series of offerings "For The Table." We selected Asparagus with Melted Fontina; Potato Latkes, which were small, crispy and delicious; and Whipped Sweet Peas. It might be interesting to make an entire meal of these "For The Table" items.

The restroom is very small, with a dark, large tile floor. The walls are covered with cream-colored, domino-shaped tiles that are laid end-to-end from floor to ceiling.

The entry area has a wall-hanging urinal to the left, with a wall-hanging divider separating it from the open doorway. There is a relatively small, dark grey counter, with a small, white, square ceramic washbasin in the middle. There is a door that presumably leads to a separate commode room, but it was not available on the two trips I made to the restroom.

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### Noah's Ark

Original Deli  
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www.NoahsArk.net

Cousin Jesse was ordained as a Rabbi on May 4th in New York City. His post-ordination party for family and friends was at Noah's Ark.

It seats between 80 and 100 people, and, as expected, the tables are close enough so you can participate in the conversations of complete strangers.

The menu for the luncheon included the following:

Cup of Chicken Noodle Soup  
Corned Beef, Pastrami or Turkey Sandwich  
Grilled Veggie Wrap  
Large Tossed Salad, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Pickles  
Chocolate Chip Cookies, Rugelach, Chocolate Torah Cake

This is the kind of old style deli in which you start gaining weight when you walk through the door. Consider some of these offerings on the never-ending menu.

Pastrami Burger Deluxe - a full 1/2 pound of meat topped with Strips of Grilled Pastrami on a bun, accompanied by steak fries. You can also get the Pastrami topping on a large frankfurter in a bun.

Eggs, fried or scrambled, with mixed delicatessen.

Rueben Wrap - Corned beef, Sauerkraut, & Russian dressing, rolled in a Flour Tortilla.

Noah's Three Sons - Corned beef, Pastrami & Turkey with 3 slices of bread. (If you want your meat extra lean, this \$18 sandwich costs an extra \$1.00.)

The deli specializes in catering. Here is an offering called a "Mid-Life Crisis Party." Serves 40-45 people.

4 doz Franks in Jackets, 4 doz Mini Potato Knishes,  
4 doz Mini Egg rolls, 20 pounds of carved turkey  
10 pounds of cold meat platters, 9 pounds each of potato  
salad and cole slaw, 9 pounds of Rye bread

The service was deli traditional. Friendly and uncomplicated.

There are two unisex restrooms. They are a decent size as restrooms go. There is a white ceramic commode and sink. Conveniently located next to the commode is a plunger with a traditional black rubber head and wooden handle.



The floor is covered in small blue tiles with a pattern strip of white tiles around the edge. There are yellow tiles on the walls to about 3 feet, with a border at that height, and off-white tiles covering the rest of the walls.

Oh yes, there is a fold-down baby changing table.

It was a special treat to see members of our family (my mother's side), some of whom I had not seen for decades.

Hours of operation:

Monday-Thursday 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday - Closed

Sunday - 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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State	% of African American Population	Obama	Clinton
Montana	0.3%		
Idaho	0.4%	Obama	
Maine	0.5%	Obama	
Vermont	0.5%	Obama	
North Dakota	0.6%	Obama	
South Dakota	0.6%		
New Hampshire	0.7%		Clinton
Wyoming	0.8%	Obama	
Utah	0.8%	Obama	
Oregon	1.6%		
Hawaii	1.8%	Obama	
New Mexico	1.9%		Clinton
Iowa	2.1%	Obama	
Arizona	3.1%		Clinton
Washington	3.2%	Obama	
West Virginia	3.2%		
Minnesota	3.5%	Obama	
Alaska	3.5%	Obama	
Colorado	3.8%	Obama	
Nebraska	4.0%	Obama	
Rhode Island	4.5%		Clinton
Massachusetts	5.4%		Clinton
Kansas	5.7%	Obama	
Wisconsin	5.7%	Obama	
California	6.7%		Clinton
Nevada	6.8%	Obama	
Kentucky	7.3%		
Oklahoma	7.6%		Clinton
Indiana	8.4%		Clinton
Connecticut	9.1%	Obama	
Pennsylvania	10.0%		Clinton
Missouri	11.2%	Obama	
Texas	11.5%	Obama	Clinton
Ohio	12.0%		Clinton
New Jersey	13.6%		Clinton
Michigan	14.2%	---	---
Florida	14.6%	---	---
Illinois	15.1%	Obama	
Arkansas	15.7%		Clinton
New York	15.9%		Clinton
Tennessee	16.4%		Clinton
Virginia	19.6%	Obama	
Delaware	21.3%	Obama	
North Carolina	21.6%	Obama	
Alabama	26.0%	Obama	
Maryland	27.9%	Obama	
Georgia	28.7%	Obama	
South Carolina	29.5%	Obama	
Louisiana	32.5%	Obama	
Mississippi	36.3%	Obama	
District of Columbia	60.0%	Obama	
Puerto Rico	8.0%		

State	% of Hispanic Population	Obama	Clinton
Maine	0.7%	Obama	
West Virginia	0.7%		Clinton
Vermont	0.9%	Obama	
North Dakota	1.2%	Obama	
Mississippi	1.4%	Obama	
South Dakota	1.4%		
Kentucky	1.5%		
Alabama	1.7%	Obama	
New Hampshire	1.7%		Clinton
Ohio	1.9%		Clinton
Montana	2.0%		
Missouri	2.1%	Obama	
Tennessee	2.2%		Clinton
South Carolina	2.4%	Obama	
Louisiana	2.4%	Obama	
Iowa	2.8%	Obama	
Minnesota	2.9%	Obama	
Arkansas	3.2%		Clinton
Pennsylvania	3.2%		Clinton
Michigan	3.3%	---	---
Indiana	3.5%		Clinton
Wisconsin	4.0%	Obama	
Alaska	4.1%	Obama	
Maryland	4.3%	Obama	
Virginia	4.7%	Obama	
North Carolina	4.7%	Obama	
Delaware	4.8%	Obama	
Oklahoma	5.2%		Clinton
Georgia	5.3%	Obama	
Nebraska	5.5%	Obama	
Wyoming	6.4%	Obama	
Massachusetts	6.8%		Clinton
Kansas	7.0%	Obama	
Hawaii	7.2%	Obama	
Washington	7.5%	Obama	
District of Columbia	7.9%	Obama	
Idaho	7.9%	Obama	
Oregon	8.0%		
Rhode Island	8.7%		Clinton
Utah	9.0%	Obama	
Connecticut	10.0%	Obama	
Illinois	12.3%	Obama	
New Jersey	13.3%		Clinton
New York	15.1%		Clinton
Florida	16.8%	---	---
Colorado	17.1%	Obama	
Nevada	19.7%	Obama	
Arizona	25.3%		Clinton
Texas	32.1%		Clinton
California	32.4%		Clinton
New Mexico	42.1%		Clinton