Melissa Ayers and her 6-month-old infant Nadine reunite Wednesday morning after being separated since Tuesday afternoon. An Amber Alert was issued on Wednesday when police determined that the child was likely kidnapped.

Infant Found Safe

City Motel 6 manager alerts police to missing 5-month-old and her baby sister

BY MICHAEL DAVIS
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A 5-month-old infant missing overnight was reunited with her mother Wednesday morning after being found at an Albuquerque motel with her baby sister.

Calling Tuesday the longest night of her life, Melissa Ayers said she and her family monitored television and radio reports and waited by the phone for

word of her daughter Nadine. Ayers also had to call her husband, stationed in Iraq, who immediately began searching for a way home.

The other: Daylin Ramirez, 35, is being held at the Sandia County Detention Center on charges of kidnapping, child neglect and child abandonment.

Ramirez took off with Nadine from her home on Laveland Drive in Rio Rancho about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, according to a Magistrate Court criminal complaint.

She left her two daughters ages 15 and 10, and the infant's 3-year-old uncle and 5-year-old sister.

"I'm scared to trust anyone except for my immediate family," Ayers said on an interview after a judicial review on Wednesday.

"We cried the entire night every time we..." See BABY — PAGE A2

Health Care To Devour More of Pay

Firms, Workers, U.S. To Suffer

BY TONY PUGH
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WASHINGTON — U.S. health-care spending will outpace overall inflation and will reach about 16 percent of gross domestic product by 2014, making medical care a barrier for the government, employers, workers and uninsured Americans. The increase applies to federal and private spending on health care, including Medicare and Medicaid and workplace benefits.

The increase will far outpace expected economic growth over the next 10 years, meaning medical care will become an even bigger share of the federal budget and a burden on middle-class wage earners.

"It's pretty much shaped the way the health care system works," said economist Michael E. Sparer, a professor at the University of Miami and an expert in health care finance.

"This is going to lead to continued increased of health-insurance premiums, driven in part by cost increases," said Ray G Nichter of the System Change, a nonpartisan health-research group in Washington. Rather than pay rising insurance premiums, he said, "low-income workers would..." See HEALTH CARE — PAGE A2

City Wants Arena

Up for Bid Again

BY JIM LUDWICK
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Mayor Martin Chavez said Wednesday he has asked his staff to prepare a request for new proposals for a downtown arena.

"We're going back out to bid," Chavez said. "We're not ruling out government financial support for the project.

"City councilors, meeting Wednesday evening, also and it's time to rethink the project due to financial pressures for city financial backing.

Meanwhile, John Mooz, mayor of Santa Fe, has filed a lawsuit on behalf of the Albuquerque arena if the city is unable to provide financial support.

Mayor Chavez has asked a development team headed by..." See A3

N.M. Rift Makes Quakes Likely

BY JOE PUCH
Journal Staff Writer

The city and the groups agreed to end the legal battle between the city of Albuquerque and environmental groups over water for endangered silvery minnows. The city and the groups reached a deal to end the legal fight and reach a settlement.

The city, environmental groups and even Albuquerque agreed Wednesday on the battle for the Rio Grande.

Under the compromise, the city will stop building a pipeline in downtown and remove it from the Rio Grande to benefit wildlife downstream during dry times.

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residents — if they choose to add $1 to their monthly water bill — will chip in to buy or lease water to be kept in the Abiquiu Reservoir and space in Abiquiu Reservoir and for the ecosystem."

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