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A shocked China tries to instill charity for strangers

BARBARA DEMICK
REPORTING FROM BEIJING

How do you turn Bad Samaritans good?

The question has become a national obsession since the shocking death of a 2-year-old named Yueyue who was ignored by 18 passersby as she lay bleeding on the street after a hit-and-run last month in southern China.

Nearly every day brings a new outrage — an 88-year-old man suffocating in his own blood after falling and breaking a nose, people rushing to photograph a suicide attempt without bothering to help — and another hand-wringing editorial about how to cultivate the kindness of strangers.

The latest example came Wednesday, when a 5-year-old boy playing on a sidewalk was struck by a wooden beam that had fallen from a construction site in the city of Linyi in the eastern province of Shandong. His mother begged motorists and bystanders to help get him to a hospital, but all refused, including the *chengguan*, low-level municipal police, who drove by and ignored her, according to local news reports.

An ambulance eventually arrived, but the boy, named Longlong, died on his way to a hospital.

"With Little Yueyue just [See China, A7]



NOAH BERGER Associated Press

UNHAPPY: An Occupy Oakland protester wears a mask in the likeness of Oakland Mayor Jean Quan. Although the city's troubles long predate her election, she has become the focus of many residents' anger.

Oakland's roots of discontent

Occupy protest is the latest chapter in a long tradition of dissent

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REPORTING FROM OAKLAND

A year ago, lifelong progressive activist and Oakland Councilwoman Jean Quan linked arms with protesters and faced off against a phalanx of officers in riot gear near this city's graceful civic center.

On Thursday there she was as mayor, police chief by her side, trying to explain her response to Occupy

Oakland.

Quan had ordered police last week to dismantle the tent city. Then she let the protesters rebuild. A general strike Wednesday started out peacefully but turned violent. Amid the unrest, residents have launched a mayoral recall effort. Business owners are demanding the encampment be shut down for good. Protesters vow to stay.

And Quan's plan? "To assess day-by-day," she said at the midday news

conference, "to come to a resolution that is safe for everybody."

But what might that resolution look like, she was pressed. And when might it materialize?

"I wish I knew," she said, the strain evident on her face.

Events of the last several weeks have raised knotty questions — about how this racially and economically divided city became home to the most active Occupy effort outside of Manhattan.

About whether Quan, once celebrated as Oakland's first Asian American mayor, can salvage her career. And about the future of the tent city and its steadfast occupants, who hope to spend the foreseeable future making a stand on Frank Ogawa Plaza.

Some of the answers seem to lie in Oakland's history as a center of liberal protest, others in the decades of strained relations between residents and a Police De-

[See Oakland, A14]

JOBLESS RATE DROPS TO 9% IN OCTOBER

But employers add just 80,000 positions, fewer than expected, as the economy remains sluggish.

ALANA SEMUELS

The good news for the U.S. economy is that a double-dip recession looks increasingly remote. The bad news: It can't seem to get out of first gear.

Employers added just 80,000 jobs in October, about 20,000 less than economists expected, and far fewer than the 125,000 jobs needed to keep pace with population growth and younger adults joining the labor force. The unemployment rate slipped to 9% from 9.1% the month before, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said Friday, but the rate is still double what it was five years ago.

"We are on the path to recovery, but to regain the 8.5 million jobs that we lost is going to be a long way down the road," said Esmael Adibi, an economist at Chapman University.

Fears of another recession swelled this summer after economic growth slowed to a crawl in the first half of the year and the government reported that employers' payrolls did not grow in August.

Growth picked up again in the third quarter, however, and the government Friday raised its estimate of the number of jobs added in August and September by a combined 102,000, after a previous upward revision.

"I don't think there's any signs of recession in this report," said Ryan Sweet, senior economist at Moody's Analytics. "The labor market isn't booming, but I don't think there's any signs that we're going to take a sizable step back."

Although the economy may not be shrinking, there are some concerns about the way it is growing.

Many of the employment gains are coming in the low-paying service sector, continuing a long-running trend that was exacerbated by the

[See Jobless, A13]



KATIE FALKENBERG For The Times

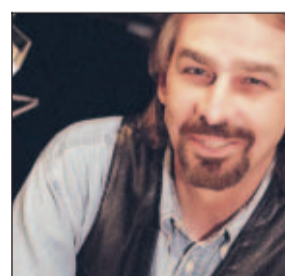
AN ICON'S WORK MADE MODERN HOME

Greek leader wins vote of confidence

Prime Minister George Papandreou pledges to seek an interim government that would secure a vital new European debt deal. **LATEXTRA**

Meruelo drops bid for NBA team

The Hawks deal would have made the Southland entrepreneur the league's first Latino owner. **SPORTS, C6**



ANN JOHANSSON For The Times

Jim Ladd isn't going quietly

The popular DJ ousted by the new owners of KLOS will be taking calls from KFI listeners Saturday. **SECTION**

High-stakes abortion fight

A Mississippi measure seeks to ban the procedure by defining personhood as starting at conception.

RICHARD FAUSSET
REPORTING FROM
CLARKSDALE, MISS.

Gail Giaramita was walking door-to-door in this old cotton town on a recent afternoon, genially informing voters about the simple choice they faced when it came to Initiative 26, the

statewide ballot measure that would define personhood as beginning at the moment of fertilization.

"If you believe that the unborn are human beings, you need to vote yes," Giaramita explained to W.L. Wilkins, proprietor of Big Mama's grocery store. "If you believe that women should continue to have the right to abort their babies, you need to vote no."

If that's all there was to it — if Initiative 26 would simply ban all abortions, even in cases of rape or incest — this proposed amendment to the state Constitution would be controversial enough. But

opponents of the measure are warning of other potential consequences, including a ban on many birth control pills and a severe hampering of popular infertility treatments.

Proponents call these charges untrue "scare tactics."

Either way, the measure's passage would count as an unprecedented attempt to nullify the abortion right granted under Roe vs. Wade. Personhood USA, the main supporter of the Mississippi measure, says a victory here could "change [the] abortion debate," as part of a

[See Mississippi, A16]

COLUMN ONE

A family shattered, not destroyed

A cartel attack in Mexico claims their parents, but five siblings carry on

CORINA KNOLL

In the black before dawn, Adali Gutierrez has no trouble waking. He's used to rising before the alarm has a chance to buzz.

It's Friday, which means he'll be supervising a crew sentenced to community cleanup.

He doesn't mind the three-day weekend shift if it means \$10 an hour — better pay than at his other job emptying recycling bins.

Yasmin is up too, taking advantage of a rare empty bathroom. She's 17 and doesn't like to be hurried when straightening her hair before school. In her bed, 5-year-old Roxanna will wake as soon as she notices her big sister has left her side. Adrian, 15, snores in the other bed crammed against the wall. In the living room, 18-year-old Guillermo stirs on the couch.

Adali moved them into this bare-walled, two-bedroom apartment six months ago. El Monte's not a rich town, and they're living on its poorest side. At \$800 a month, the rent is cheap.



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EL MONTE: Gunfire that killed his parents disfigured the lower face of Adali Gutierrez, left, and thrust upon him the role of patriarch to Roxanna, Guillermo, Adrian, from left, and (not shown) Yasmin. He works two jobs and goes to school.

Accustomed to dressing in the dark, Adali slips into navy pants and a blue T-shirt that conceals the ink splayed across his chest: his parents' names. A framed picture of them sits on his dresser. He tugs on socks

and a pair of black work boots and heads to the bathroom.

No matter how many times he's stood in front of a mirror, the man who stares back is invariably a stranger. The chin pocked with

shrapnel scars; the sagging lower lip; the flap of skin that hangs beneath his mouth — they are lesions that warp and age what should be a 20-year-old face.

He's hopeful that one day [See Family, A12]

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