



### Parental sleep patterns in China

Some 400 parents who had accompanied their freshman college students to Wuhan, in central China, slept on mats laid out for them on the floor of the university's gymnasium at the beginning of the fall term. China's 'one child per family' rule has intensified parents' interest in their child's success.

### DISPATCH: ONOMICHI, JAPAN

## Beauty of small towns

When photographer Noriko Nakamoto was recovering from a personal crisis, she stumbled upon Onomichi, a seaside city in western Japan that has changed little since the 1960s. She decided to live there and take photos of what she calls "forgotten Japan."

Ms. Nakamoto has documented many aspects of locals' daily lives, including old temples, fish peddlers, eating places, and dilapidated dwellings. While her work is of modest subjects – no celebrities or big corporations – her experience in Onomichi has enabled her to better appreciate life itself, she says. She now teaches photography to more than 100 locals.

As Japan's decades-long economic slump hit outlying regions especially hard, more people abandoned their hometown to seek a job in an urban center.

"Many people have forgotten what their hometown had given them," she says.

– **Takehiko Kambayashi**, correspondent



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Noriko Nakamoto poses in Onomichi, Japan.

### DISPATCH: TUBA CITY, ARIZ.

## New hope for Hopis

Like other native Americans, the Hopi of Arizona have faced adversity, including seeing their homeland, or *tutsqua*, shrink from more than 18 million acres to 1.5 million acres today.

Hopi groups disagree about how to preserve their culture: Build a casino or remain gambling-free? Encourage tourists or restrict them? Their responses have stayed on the conservative side – they have twice voted down building a casino. But now, with the support of their tribal government, the progressive Upper Moenkopi have built the first major Hopi hotel, the Moenkopi Legacy Inn near Tuba City. The tribe hopes to realize its vision of nurturing the *tutsqua* by extending hospitality toward *kahopi* (outsiders) who might now become *kwaatsi* (friends).

The hundred-room hotel facilitates visiting the 12 Hopi villages perched on three mesas along Highway 264. It's best to hire a guide because of strict rules about dress, photography, and off-limits areas. Visitors can watch artists, weavers, and potters at work and taste *piki*, a tissue-thin pancake made of sacred blue cornmeal. Corn, central to their creation stories, is used in Hopi ceremonies, always with the same prayer in mind: Let the rain come, keep the land fertile, let the people remain in their *tutsqua*. Perhaps the Moenkopi Legacy Inn will help meet these goals.

– **Linda Thompson**, contributor

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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

**AVOIDABLE?** The displacement of 1.5 million people in one region of Pakistan could have been mostly avoided had water been diverted to land **set aside as a flood basin.** (p. 8)

**BETTER SOURCE:** When a North Korean plane, apparently flown by a defector, crashed in China last month, photos hit the Web within hours. Official accounts came **two days later.** (p. 10)

**GAIN FROM LOSS?** A loss of Democratic control of Congress could give President Obama the biggest gift of all heading into 2012: a way to **rev up the Democratic base.** (p. 16)

Cut off from oxygen, which would help bacteria break it down, some of the estimated 205 million **GALLONS OF OIL** spilled in the Gulf remains trapped **under marshes or beaches.** (p. 18)

When Congress passed **TAX RELIEF** in 2001, economists predicted the Treasury surplus would grow to \$5.6 trillion over 10 years. The US now has an estimated deficit of **\$1.34 trillion.** (p. 20)

FBI statistics show that **SOUTHERN STATES** regularly report fewer hate crimes than do states like California and New Jersey. Mississippi, for one, reported **no hate crimes** in 2007. (p. 26)

**'ISRAELIS ...** understandably resent what they see as global bias against them. But relations with other governments ... have been damaged by Israel's **heavy-handed unilateralism!**' (p. 35)

– P. EDWARD HALEY, CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE

'The premise of the French romantic comedy **"HEARTBREAKER"** is so tailor-made for Hollywood that I'd be very surprised if a remake is not in the offing. But why bother when **the original is already so slick?**' (p. 38)

– REVIEWER PETER RAINER, ON FILM

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE:** 'We have camps ... that train our children's bodies, and we need that. But we also need camps **to train our children's minds!**' (p. 47)

– DOUGLAS COE, FOUNDER OF AN INVESTMENT CAMP