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» Hybrid cars might get noisy in the interest of safety **A8**

British Open for Moore **SPORTS, B1**

IN THE NEWS

So now it's La Niña's turn?

Earthweek takes you from the equator, where cooler waters indicate that El Niño's sister might be getting the upper hand, all the way to Antarctica, where the last pristine marine environment on the planet is encasing its soft visitors in the form of plastics.

See Earthweek, Page A6.

Here's your winner - pass the antiticks

Just "Twee" Chestnut prevailed for the fourth year in a row at the Peninsula Intercollegiate Hot Dog Eating Contest. But a fierce rival showed some restraint of his own by stopping the stage.

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I hate this new law/Oh! 'em!

Drivers are still reacting strongly to the recently enacted statewide cell phone law. Hopefully they're not reacting as with their no-wild driving.

See Traffic Q&A, Page A1.

Don't have to look far to find paradise

We don't have to travel the world to find ourselves. We discover our real selves right here in our own backyard, in all the ways we get involved in the lives of others.

See Area Impact Newsletter's column, Page A8.

Choppy waters curtail cleanup efforts

Last week's hurricane and another rough week hampered cleanup efforts Sunday as states along the Gulf of Mexico continued to deal with a huge oil spill. And the bad weather is expected to continue for a few days.

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ON THE WEB

FOR TACOMA: Complete coverage of military and veterans issues in the South Sound.
blog.newspapers.com/military

LIGHTS & SIRENS: Breaking news and insight into the Tacoma, Pierce County and South Sound criminal justice community.
blog.newspapers.com/crime

TODAY'S WEATHER

Chance of early rain, with afternoon clearing.
High 70, Low 52.
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Petraeus takes charge

AFGHANISTAN: U.S. must win public's confidence across globe, general says

BY DEB REICHMANN
KABUL — "We are in this to win," Gen. David Petraeus said Sunday as he took the reins of an Afghan war effort troubled by waning support, an emboldened enemy, government corruption and a looming

commitment to withdraw troops even with no sign of violence easing.

Petraeus, who pioneered the counterinsurgency strategy he now oversees in Afghanistan, has just months to show progress in turning back insurgents and connect both the Afghan people and neighboring countries that the U.S. is committed to preventing the country from again becoming a haven for al-Qaeda and its terrorist allies.

"We are engaged in a contest of wills," Petraeus said as he accepted the command of U.S. and NATO forces, before several hundred U.S., coalition and Afghan officials who gathered on a grassy area outside NATO headquarters in Kabul.

Petraeus, widely credited with turning around the U.S. war effort in Iraq, said the Taliban and their allies are killing and maiming children — even using "suicidal" children — in an attempt to undermine public confidence in the Afghan government and the international community's ability to prevail.

"In answer, we must demonstrate our commitment to the Afghan people," he said.

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Rosa Johnson wears Old Glory on Sunday while taking part in the Home Town Housewarming entry of DuPont's Independence Day community parade.

HOLIDAY: Tacoma event hopes to gather enough funds to cover budget gap

BY DEBBY ABE
Self-saver

When Ron Tenc saw volunteers asking for donations Sunday to keep Tacoma's Freedom Fair alive, he dug in his pocket and paid the suggested family admission of \$10.

The Portland man was glad to contribute, he said, if it helps the Fourth of July tradition keep going.

ENDANGERED YOUTHS

■ The Tacoma Police Department's missing persons webpage is www.tacomapd.org.

■ The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's website also features missing, exploited and abducted children: www.missingkids.com.

■ Children missing throughout Washington are featured on the Washington State Patrol's website: www.wsp.wa.gov/crim/mischild.php.

MORE PHOTOS

To view a gallery of photographs from area Fourth of July festivities, visit our website:

Volunteers with the Independent Tacoma Events Commission that organizes the fair won't know for several days whether they raised enough to cover a \$100,000 shortfall in this year's \$1 million festival budget.

But early Sunday, it appeared festival goers were in a giving mood at the entrance gates, where organizers requested voluntary donations of \$5 per adult, \$1 per kid, or \$10 a family. At one entrance, cheerleaders from Life Christian Academy in Tacoma greeted the incoming throngs with a fundraising cheer.

It looks like people are donating very generously. I'm very hopeful.

TACOMA FREEDOM FAIR

Tacoma's Freedom Fair attracts thousands of people to downtown Tacoma every year. This year's fair is expected to draw up to 100,000 people.

The fair is a fundraiser for the Tacoma Events Commission, which organizes the fair. This year's fair is expected to draw up to 100,000 people.

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Tacoma police's new website keeps attention on missing kids

RUNAWAYS: 5 of 13 teens featured have been found

BY STACEY MELICK
Self-saver

Tacoma police have launched a new website to focus attention on missing — and often endangered — teenage runaways.

The website, which is linked to the department's homepage, features photos, descriptions and brief summaries of where the teens were last seen or the efforts to find them.

"They can slip through the cracks and not be located or have

Pierce County study finds much of trash could be recycled

GARBAGE: What's worse, you meant to eat nearly half of what they found

BY KYLE SHELDON
Self-saver

We throw away a lot of stuff in Pierce County.

And about 60 percent of what goes into our trash and garbage cans is recyclable, according to a new study.

The No. 1 offender? Food.

Yep, we toss a lot of commensals that easily could turn into commodities, researchers from E.W. Beck Inc. of Seattle concluded after an 18-month project that included picking trash by grocery store bins