

Animal shelter to build new pet adoption center

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As hundreds of cats and dogs await adoption at the Orange County Animal Shelter, a new center is being built to make room to save hundreds more.

To provide additional space for animals that arrive every day at the shelter, the Animal Protection Society is building a 5,600-square-foot facility off of Nick's Road in western Orange County.

The new adoption center will serve as temporary housing for animals that have been chosen for adoption.

APS board member John Wise said construction for the new adoption center, scheduled to open in late spring, began last week.

"The reason we are building it is to save the lives of more animals than we are saving now," Wise said.

"The ability to adopt animals is hindered by space. It will provide space for adopted animals to leave the shelter and opens up space to display animals to the public that we otherwise wouldn't have the chance to display."

When animals are adopted, it takes four to six days to process them and complete paperwork, adoption counseling, neuter/spay surgery and recovery.

The new center will serve as a "halfway home" for these animals as they undergo this process.

The center is the final addition to the society's Felicité Latané Animal Sanctuary.

Located on 57 acres of land, it comprises a neuter clinic, a learning center, a dog training facility and a dog park.

The location of so many facilities in one place creates an animal "campus" environment that serves many different needs of animals in the county, Wise said.

As of March 1, there were about 341 animals in the Orange County Animal Shelter facility on Airport Road.

"It stays right around that number," said Amy Eller, customer relations manager for the shelter. "It depends on the weather. When it's hot we get more and more animals."

The new adoption center, which will cost about \$550,000 to build,

is being funded through donations.

"We've asked people for support," Wise said.

"People are really interested in helping getting animals here adopted and lowering the euthanasia rate in our community."

The shelter makes an effort to euthanize only animals that are trained to fight or are fatally ill, but once the shelter gets full, the animals that have been there the longest are euthanized.

"We don't have a specific time limit," Eller said.

"If the animal is stray, we are obligated to keep them for seven days, but they usually stay here until they are able to find a home."

Animals within the Chapel Hill town limits are brought to the shelter by the Orange County Animal Control and by the public.

"People in our community are very generous and have shown the willingness to help solve this problem," Wise said.

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Premier may pull troops out of Iraq

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADRID, Spain — Spain's incoming prime minister pledged Monday to bring Spanish troops home from Iraq unless the United Nations takes control there, harshly criticizing the U.S.-led war even as he promised to maintain good relations with Washington.

A day after his Socialists swept Spain's ruling conservatives from power in elections overshadowed by terrorist bombings, Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero also promised

to lead a more pro-European government.

In a surprise defeat, Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar's conservatives Sunday became the first government that backed Washington in Iraq to be voted from office.

The election was held amid charges that Aznar made Spain a target for terrorists by supporting the war and that his government concealed possible connections between the attack and Islamic ter-

rorists for political gain. Thursday's train bombings, the worst terrorist attacks in Spain's history, killed 200 people and wounded 1,500.

Zapatero campaigned on a pledge to order Spain's 1,300 troops home. "I have said clearly in recent months that, unless there is a change in that the United Nations take control and the occupiers give up political control, the Spanish troops will come back, and the limit for their presence there is June 30," Zapatero told a news conference.

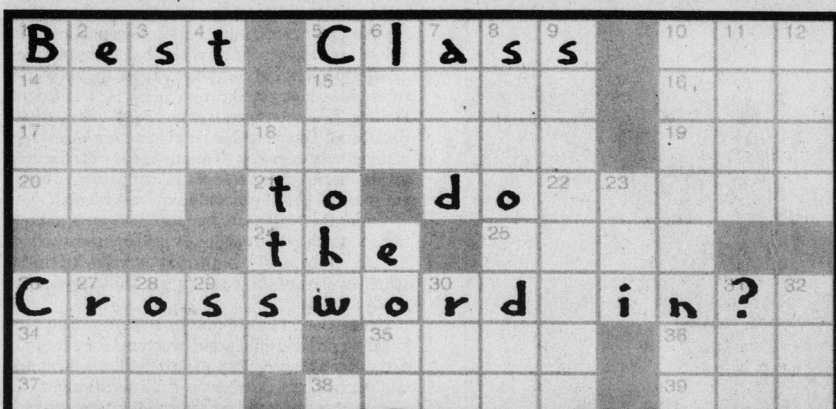
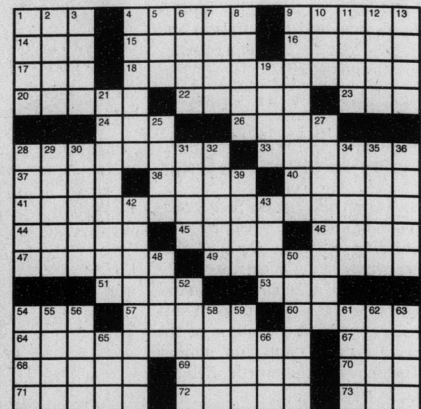
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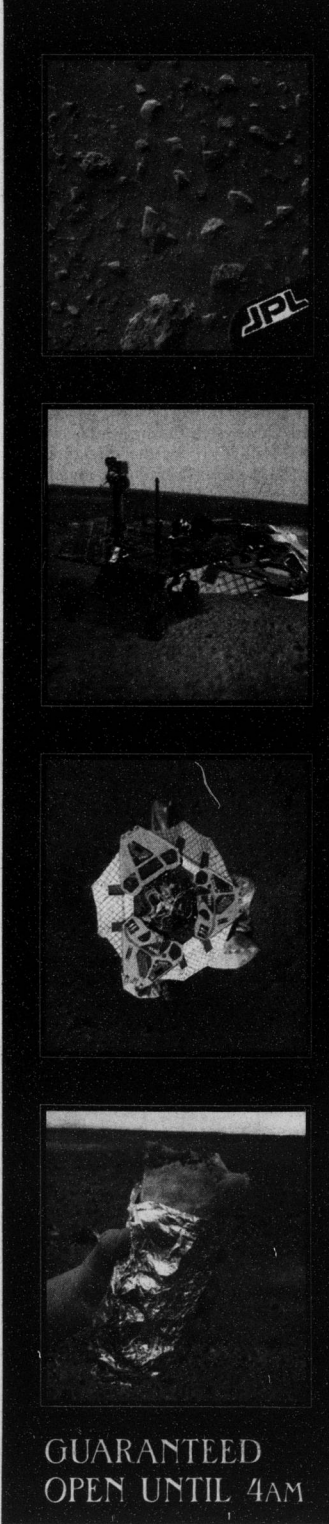
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 - 22 Shouts
 - 23 Competed
 - 24 Stashed away
 - 26 Director Bunuel
 - 28 Tape editing
 - 33 Christie movie, "___ and Mrs. Miller"
 - 37 Word of resignation
 - 38 Unflappable
 - 40 Droops laxly
 - 41 Bitter-tasting perennial
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 - 45 Leander's lover
 - 46 Former fraction of a rupee
 - 47 Apart from self
 - 49 Stoolies
 - 51 Casa room
 - 53 Tic-tac-toe win
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 - 3 Bucks' leader?
 - 4 Vast
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 - 6 Approve
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 - 8 1980 Nobel Prize winner
 - 9 Frozen treat
 - 10 Anger
 - 11 Winglike
 - 12 Author Ephron
 - 13 Frank and honest
 - 19 Urban renewal target
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- 29 Dallas suburb
- 30 Nero's tongue
- 31 Snack
- 32 Doomed one
- 34 Laxative from aloe
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- 39 Actress Flynn Boyle
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