

This from the *New York Times*, yesterday, in a story about the problem of full landfills in Naples, Italy (emphasis mine): As the piles rose and the stench spread, 100 or more refuse fires burned some nights — one of many trash related protests **that included, inevitably, mothers clutching rosaries on railroad tracks.**

We like this aura of inevitability to mothers clutching rosaries on railroad tracks, but must admit to being somehwat baffled by it.