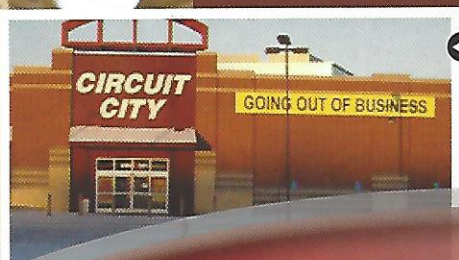


GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

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▶ Many retailers are forced to file for bankruptcy or go out of business after being unable to rebound from the harsh economy and a very disappointing fourth quarter of 2008.



Teens work part-time

Gas prices up and down

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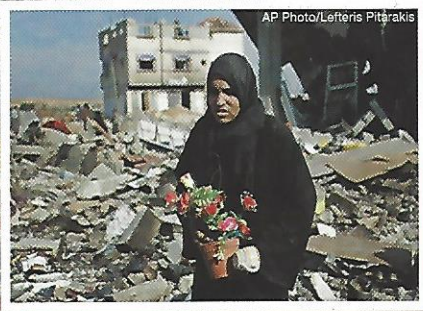
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▶ The world's "hot spots" center around the Middle East. Israel mounts a major offensive against Hamas in Gaza, the United States continues to oppose the Taliban in Afghanistan and insurgents in Iraq, and in August, Russia attacks its southern neighbor, Georgia, in a dispute over western influence in the area.

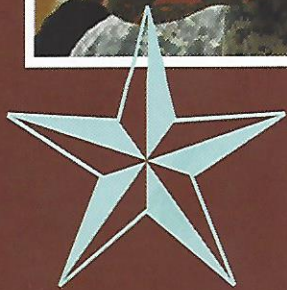


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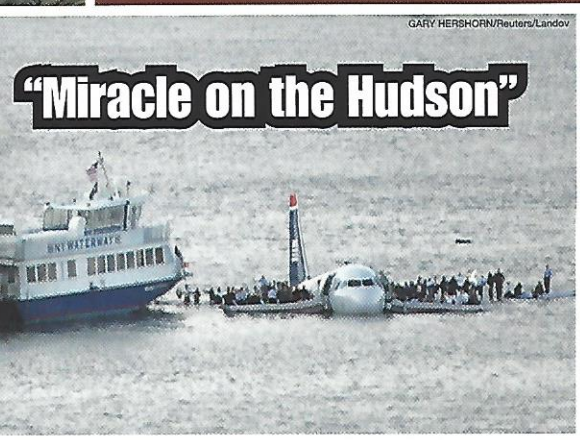
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▶ In January 2009, after both engines fail due to ingesting birds, US Airways Flight 1549 ditches in New York's Hudson River. All 155 passengers and crew members are saved, thanks to the skill and courage of pilot Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger.



"Miracle on the Hudson"

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