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THE WORLD

ROCKETS HIT ISRAEL: Palestinian militants fired rocket barrages that wounded an Israeli baby Wednesday, and Israel retaliated with airstrikes that killed four Gaza fighters.

A7 • RUSSIAN SPACE FAILURE: A Russian supply ship bound for the International Space Station failed to reach orbit Wednesday, and pieces of it fell in Siberia amid a thunderous explosion.

EU HITS IRANIAN AID TO SYRIA: The European Union announced it was leveling sanctions against Iran's Al-Quds military force, saying it had given technical and material support to President Bashar Assad of Syria in his efforts to crush the five-month-old uprising against his rule.

THE NATION

REPORT SAYS DEFICIT TO STAY HIGH: The federal budget deficit will continue at historically high levels, hitting \$1.3 trillion in fiscal 2011, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said Wednesday. But it will ebb substantially over the next decade if the Bush-era tax cuts and other measures are allowed to expire as scheduled, the report said.

A4 • LANDMARKS INSPECTED: Office buildings, schools and iconic American landmarks were being inspected Wednesday for possible structural flaws caused by a rare East Coast earthquake.

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REBELS HUNT GADHAFI, TRY TO SECURE TRIPOLI

\$2 million bounty offered on fallen dictator's head; opposition begins to set up government

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TRIPOLI, LIBYA

Libyans hunting Moammar Gadhafi offered a \$2 million bounty on the fallen dictator's head and amnesty for anyone who kills or captures him as rebels battled Wednesday to

clear the last pockets of resistance from the capital Tripoli.

While some die-hard loyalists kept up the fight to defend Gadhafi, his support was crumbling by the hour. His deputy intelligence chief defected, and even his foreign minister said his 42-year rule was over. A defiant Gadhafi vowed from hid-

ing to fight on "until victory or martyrdom," in an audio message early Wednesday.

He may have little choice. Asked by the British broadcaster Channel 4 if a negotiated settlement or safe passage for Gadhafi from Libya was possible, Foreign Minister Abdul Ati al-Obeidi
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Many green customers have maximized their recycling programs and they're looking for that next incremental step to reach zero waste."

Charissa McAfee • local community affairs manager for Waste Management



Isadora Velarde separates vegetables at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina for recycling. The hotel is on pace to divert about 200 tons of trimmings and scraps away from the landfill each year. **EARNIE GRAFTON • U-T**

TURNING TRASH INTO COMPOST TREASURE

San Diego officials predict food waste collections will double over the next few years, keeping more material out of landfill

MIKE LEE • U-T

A garbage truck on Tuesday morning picked up food scraps from seven Albertsons grocery stores around San Diego and chugged to Miramar Landfill in what normally would have been an unremarkable moment.

But instead of turning into the zone for dumping trash, it delivered the mash of fruit, pastries and similar items

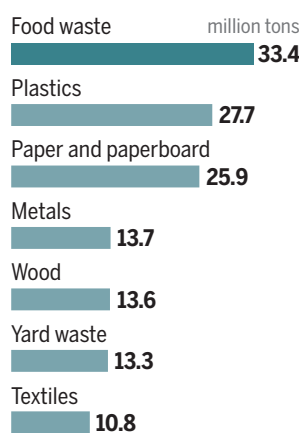
to the composting yard and launched what many around the region hope is a new era of waste reduction.

The deposit marked the start of Waste Management's first dedicated food-waste route in the county. The pilot program is poised to expand such that city waste officials predict food collections will double over the next few years and eventually reach into

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Discarded waste

Top materials discarded in the United States in 2009:



Source: Environmental Protection Agency

MICHELLE GILCHRIST • U-T

AN AILING STEVE JOBS RESIGNS AS APPLE CEO

Company co-founder says he can no longer handle job's demands

DAVID STREITFELD
NYT NEWS SERVICE

SAN FRANCISCO

Steve Jobs, the co-founder of Apple whose insistent vision that he knew what consumers wanted made Apple one of the world's most valuable and influential companies, is stepping down as chief executive, the company announced late Wednesday.



Steve Jobs

"I have always said that if there ever came a day when I could no longer meet my duties and expectations as Apple's CEO, I would be the first to let you know," Jobs said in a letter released by the company. "Unfortunately, that day has come."

Jobs, 56, has been battling cancer for several years and has been on medical leave since January, his third such
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VICTIM OF SHOOTING COUNTS HIS BLESSINGS

SUSAN SHRODER • U-T

The 23-year-old El Cajon man who was shot in the face by a suicidal man who later killed a San Diego police officer spoke publicly for the first time Wednesday, saying from his hospital bed that it is a miracle he survived and that "God gave him a new life."

Martin Hana has undergone numerous surgeries at Sharp Memorial Hospital since the unprovoked attack Aug. 6 outside an El Cajon-area In-N-Out Burger.

He was able to speak and
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SCHOOLS ALARMED BY SALE OF LEGAL, HARMFUL DRUGS



Teacher Erin Barron of Sweetwater high school district looks at samples of spice during a presentation by People Against Spice Sales. **NELVIN C. CEPEDA • U-T**

Synthetic 'spice,' bath salts linked to death, violence

MAUREEN MAGEE • U-T

As schools kick off a new year, many are scrambling to update drug education efforts because of a new brand of synthetic drugs that are turning up in backpacks and lockers throughout San Diego County and nationwide.

The products are mar-

keted and packaged as incense and bath salts. They are sold in mini markets and delis, often displayed on a rack alongside candy and bubble gum. Varieties include "cotton candy," "juicy fruit" and "pineapple express."

Use of the designer drugs has been linked to death, violence, psychotic behavior and emergency room visits throughout the country.

A Chula Vista teen went into cardiac arrest on the day of his high school graduation this past spring af-

ter smoking what is known as "spice," a blend of herbs — labeled incense — that are treated with chemical compounds and produce strong highs with dangerous side effects.

Teachers, campus police and parents are launching new drug education efforts to inform the public about the dangers. Because they are legal and carry labels declaring they are not for human consumption, some schools have had a hard time fitting them into zero
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STAPLES

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Composting

Instead of taking up space in the city's Miramar Landfill, food waste and yard trimmings are deposited in a special area known as The Greenery.

- The yard trimmings and food scraps are placed in long piles called windrows.
- The rows are turned and watered for 70 days.
- Microorganisms digest the carbon- and nitrogen-rich mixture, causing the rows to reach temperatures topping 140 degrees. Cooking eliminates most weed seeds and pathogens while breaking down the organic material into soil nutrients.
- Finished compost is screened to a particle size of one-half inch or less, which also removes film plastic from the final product.
- The product is given to city residents in small batches and sold in larger quantities to residents and others who want it for their gardens.

Source: City of San Diego

FOOD • Sheraton's waste-diversion rate has gone from 15% to 80%

FROM A1 residential neighborhoods much like blue bins for recycling bottles and cans slowly became the norm.

"It's a fantastic moment," said Ana Carvalho, food-waste expert for San Diego's Environmental Services Department. "It's going to go well, and that will open other doors for growth."

Food might seem inconsequential in the vast stream of garbage, but it's the second-largest category of municipal solid waste generated nationwide, with about 34 million tons a year. Only about 3 percent of it is recycled, creating the largest single segment of discarded goods in the nation and what the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency calls a "staggering" problem.

Locally, an estimated 140,000 tons of food waste reaches Miramar Landfill annually, generating greenhouse gases and taking up valuable space. About one-third of that is from commercial kitchens and the rest is from homes.

"We don't want to run out of space in the landfill



Clean food waste waits in a recycling bin in the kitchens of the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, which just adopted a major food-waste recycling program. EARNIE GRAFTON • U-T

because we're burying materials that can be reused," Carvalho said.

The city of San Diego diverts about 66 percent of its overall waste stream of residential and commercial garbage, well above the state mandate of 50 percent and a major increase from the early 2000s.

While the city isn't on the front edge of food-waste composting — San Francisco already has residential food-waste collection — the new alliance between Waste Management and Albertsons is a sign of progress, said Pauline Martinson, head of the environmental group I Love a Clean San Diego.

"We are getting there, and it's a good step in the right direction, but I think

we have to target the residents" with food-waste collection, Martinson said.

There are no immediate plans for that, but the Albertsons route begins building the kind of infrastructure that will allow the industry to add more mid-sized customers who don't create enough food waste to warrant stand-alone collections.

To date, it's been the realm of the very big — such as the San Diego Convention Center and Petco Park — and the very small — such as backyard gardeners who do it themselves. That's changing now that Waste Management is buying a specialized food-hauling truck for the county and testing a food-to-energy plant in

Orange County.

Other companies are looking to create food-only routes as well. And San Diego, which runs the only licensed commercial food-waste composting site in the county, two years ago tripled the footprint of its composting areas for green waste and food waste, giving it plenty of room to grow.

"Many green customers have maximized their recycling programs and they're looking for that next incremental step to reach zero waste," said Charissa McAfee, local community affairs manager for Waste Management. "Food waste is really the next logical step and something we are really focused on."

So is John Ford, manag-

er at Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina on Harbor Island. Five weeks after launching a new food-waste program, the Sheraton is on pace to divert about 200 tons of trimmings and scraps away from the landfill each year.

The program started with a mishap; the hotel's aged machine for dehydrating excess food — water adds enormous weight and therefore cost — broke down early this summer. Waste Management officials connected Ford with Carvalho, and that led to a major reorganization of the hotel's waste-diversion process.

"We thought we were doing more than we were," Ford said. "We realized we were only doing a so-so job."

That's changed since the staff of about 500 was trained on the new initiatives, including separating food waste in specially marked kitchen bins. Ford said it's been challenging to meet the city's goals for 99 percent pure food waste, a target designed to ensure top-quality compost.

Less than two months into the effort, the Sheraton is capturing more than 5 tons a week of trimmings from the kitchens and scraps from plates. The initiative has pushed the hotel's overall waste-diversion rate from about 15 percent to about 80 percent and Ford is pressing for 90 percent.

"It's hard to believe," Ford said. "When you look at the numbers, how could you not be excited?"

He predicts interest in food-waste composting will grow rapidly once other facility managers realize how much money they can save. Disposal fees for food waste at Miramar Landfill are less than half the rate for trash.

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