Suicidal Leap From Fire Tower

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On the evening of August 14th, 28 years old Asian female Man Lam plunged to her death from the 19 floor of the 360 PAS building. Lam became the third Baruch student in the past 18 months to become a suicide victim.

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The machine pushes harder,
The cog spins faster,
The machine pushes harder,
The machine spins into fourth gear,
The cog spins faster,
The machine pushes harder still,
The cog... Snaps.

It flies out of control, smashing into the insides of the mechanical beast doing little damage. It rattles inside until it finally comes to a stop at the floor of the cold, unforgiving juggernaut.

The fallen cog unnoticed. A new cog replaces it, ready and willing to pick up where its fallen comrades had left off. Service is given to other dangers in the suffering of the same chemical fate but the lubricant is temporary and once again the rust builds.

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The weakening of the euro is expected to have a significant impact on the global economy. As the euro's value decreases, European goods and services become more expensive for foreigners, potentially leading to a decrease in exports and a slowdown in economic growth. On the other hand, the strengthening of the dollar could make U.S. exports more competitive in international markets, but at the same time, it could also make imports more expensive for U.S. consumers.

It is worth noting that the euro's decline is not the only factor affecting the global economy. Other factors, such as the ongoing trade war between the U.S. and China, have also contributed to recent economic volatility. Regardless of the causes, the impact of the euro's decline on the global economy remains a major concern for policymakers and investors alike.
This Week

Week of September 18 to September 22

Monday, September 18, 2000

- Officer Training Workshop
  Office of Student Life
  Room 1539 (360 PAS) 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- Officer Training Workshop
  Office of Student Life
  Room 1539 (360 PAS) 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

- Officer Training Workshop
  Office of Student Life
  Room 1539 (360 PAS) 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

- Officer Training Workshop
  Office of Student Life
  Room 1539 (360 PAS) 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

- Officer Training Workshop
  Office of Student Life
  Room 1539 (360 PAS) 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Wednesday, September 20, 2000

- Officer Training Workshop
  Office of Student Life
  Room 1539 (360 PAS) 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

- Officer Training Workshop
  Office of Student Life
  Room 1539 (360 PAS) 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Thursday, September 21, 2000

- Officer Training Workshop
  Office of Student Life
  Room 1539 (360 PAS) 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

- Voter Relatistration / MTV Chose or Lose
  Hillel
  Room 1422 (360 PAS) 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

- Officer Training Workshop
  Office of Student Life
  Room 1539 (360 PAS) 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Friday, September 22, 2000

- Officer Training Workshop
  Office of Student Life
  Room 1539 (360 PAS) 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- Officer Training Workshop
  Office of Student Life
  Room 1539 (360 PAS) 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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