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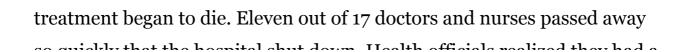


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People shop on Sept. 6 in Monrovia's West Point slum.

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IN AUGUST of 1976, <u>a teacher</u> in a remote region of what was then called Zaire went touring in the forest with his friends. On the way home, he bought a dead monkey, bush meat he thought his family would eat. He didn't eat it, but he touched it, and that turned out to be a fatal mistake; he developed a fever and abdominal pains. Two weeks later, he was dead. Then the patients and medical staff at the hospital where he'd gone for





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