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#141 Bees

Dave Hackenberg, a beekeeper since 1962, can usually tell what killed his bees just by looking at them. If they're lying on the in front of a hive, it's probably pesticides, he says. If the bees are and wingless, it's probably mites. But last fall, Hackenberg saw something he had never seen before. Thousands of his bee colonies simply He was in Florida at the time, pulling the lids off some of his commercial hives. To his, they were all empty.

#135 Pharmaceutical Industry

It is about a hundred years since that great Canadian-born physician Sir William Osler, Regius Professor of Medicine in Oxford, about the increasing influence of the pharmaceutical industry on the medical He would be turning in his grave at the way the industry now dominates doctors' habits. It does this not only by direct and indirect pressure on the doctors themselves, but also by the public to ask for scripts.

#134 Almonds

And one particular crop, almond in the US and now in Australia, is the world of beekeeping and of bees. What has happened is that something serendipitous came along that people found out, that doctors found out that almonds are good for you, a but it's good for you. The Almond Board got a very aggressive promotion going on for almonds. They actually, I just heard recently, send out sales reps to at hospitals to promote the heart benefits of almonds. In a very good promotion of almonds, and it's promotion because they are a healthy food.

#133 Share Prices

Well, the simple explanation might be that yesterday's drop in share prices pretty much across the board has created what market analysts like to call a buying opportunity. It tends to bring out investors to pick through the ruins, looking for Decision by investors that sellers got a little carried away with things so the buyers have all the major indexes today. The Dow, the NASDAQ, the S &P 500 were all up around half a percent in early trading today, and that wasn't a big surprise. The sell-off continued somewhat European markets remain fairly weak, along with many of the Asian markets. But you'll remember that all this started with a big of around 9 percent on the stock market in Shanghai. Well, Chinese rebounded by around 4 percent.

#130 Arts and Humanities

My current research at the moment is really quite broad. I work at the interface between the Arts and Humanities, particularly, but trying to find questions which are difficult to answer unless you start integrating computing and So really I work in this boundary between trying to understand cultural questions about the past, but those sorts of questions that you can't address unless you start reconstructing, start modeling and visualizing past objects and movement of people.