

Skateboarding Most Widely Used Form of Transportation

Versatile Transport Mode Replaces Cars

By J. Johnson | 2:00 p.m.

A far cry from the days when board riders were a disenfranchised minority, and "Skateboarding is not a crime!" protest graffiti appeared on city streets across the nation — the latest statistics from the US Department of Transportation reveal that the number of Americans using a gnarly deck on four urethane wheels to get around now exceeds all other modes of transportation by 89 percent.

"It's just the best way to ride, Brah," Federal Transportation Head, Kelly Slater explained at a recent news briefing. And everyone seems to agree. Urbanization, the spread of pavement, key advances in skateboard technology, and total radness make board riding the obvious choice. Riders say they like avoiding traffic congestion, never paying for parking, and keeping the air on the planet awesomely clean.

Even in countries that have traditionally relied on camels or mopeds to get around, researchers are finding a 27 % increase in skateboard riding. And skate lingo, or *spak-skatting*, has also seen a dramatic rise, with words like *goofy foot*, *nose-grind*, *ollie*, and *woah* finding their way into mainstream vernacular and hella conversations.

The trend is likely to increase further as more recreational board ninjas find skating an awesome way to glide around town to get their errands done.

Experts say that with the accelerated rate in which board riding is eclipsing car travel, multi-modal forms of transportation will completely replace autos by 2030.

For more information on Half Pipe classes, or where to get dickies or black knee socks, go to: Uride.org.

Safety Czar, M. Hippy reminds everyone to "Wear a hehnet!"

GLOBAL PEACE!



NYU PolySci 101 celebrates the news that UN 1061 was ratified. The class has been studying conflict resolution this semester.

Today Marks Beginning of Worldwide Cooperation

By Maurice Senda | 2:00 p.m.

New York — History was made today when delegates unanimously voted to ratify UN resolution AB1061 — shepherding in a new era of peaceful worldwide co-existence. Under the measure, governments must now resolve disputes through channels of mediation, rather than use of military force. The bill represents a truly transformative chapter in global cooperation, as nations lay down weapons, and they declare: "We will make war no more."

This remarkable agreement is seen by many as the surprising consequence of the bonds formed in the past year, when governments came together to solve international crises — including drought, rising oceans, and refugee resettlement.

In response the resolution's passage spontaneous celebrations erupted around the world. cont. A3.

SUPREME COURT RECANTS

After back to back screenings of the holiday film classics *A Christmas Carol* and *It's a Wonderful Life*, Supreme Court Justices Thomas, Roberts and Alito, said they suddenly realized how much their court decisions affected ordinary people. Saying they were really sorry for siding with Citizen's United, the justices confessed that they knew all along that corporations were *not* really people. Alito added that he found Ebenezer Scrooge's homelife frighteningly familiar. And Thomas said after watching *It's a Wonderful Life*, "The scary part where the whole town had turned into Pottermore totally shook me! I finally understood what everybody was whining about!"

Mars Rover Decodes Mysterious Plaque

Since NASA rover Curiosity's exciting discovery of a hieroglyphic plaque in the Mars Gale Crater, speculation as to the meaning and source has been a matter of hot debate. Now a JPL team has decoded the message. A jubilant spokesperson told reporters "Finally, we've got confirmation that other intelligent life exists, and it turns out, they're cool!" Here is the translation: "Greetings Space Travelers, if you are reading this, it's time to party! Call us. We're on Jupiter's 3rd moon, just south of those spiral-shaped globs of gas and dust." NASA plans to follow up immediately by sending chocolates, flowers and a mix tape.

Meeting Love of Your Life-Now Easy

Times Correspondent Dolly Levi

A new study finds it's now easy to meet and couple-up with the love of your life by wearing a T-shirt that reads "R U my Honey?" The five year study, by research team I. Wait, Long & Mope, tracked 600 diverse singles as they navigated the dating scene. The team made the remarkable discovery that each lonely heart found 100% success with the slang phrase emblazoned on a T-shirt if worn outside the house for four or more days in a row. Hearing the results, some long single study subjects responded "Now ya tell me!"

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DES MOINES — morning commuters save gas getting to work.

Photo by Kira Smith

World Tree Planting Efforts Have Reversed Climate Change.

By Wangari Muta Maathai | 2:00 p.m.

The World Federation of Scientists has just released findings that through the huge international effort to plant gazillions of trees, we have successfully averted global warming. Started only five years ago, the tree planting project has already reversed the last century of carbon accumulation in the atmosphere, and has lowered the earth's temperature 1.3 °F

to pre-twentieth century levels. Because of the fantastic results, tree appreciation days and festivals are cropping up around the globe.



Map: green indicates the regions where reforestation has occurred.
Note: Europe, Russia and Australia have seen the most significant increases in new growth.



Bolivia Set To Banish Coca-Cola To Mark Mayan End Of Capitalism

By Steve El Gato | 2:00 p.m.

According to Bolivia's government, the Mayan calendar portends the end of Coca-Cola. Oh, and the end of capitalism as well. President Juan Evo Morales Ayma announced Coke is out and Yerba Mate is in and so is a Bolivian lemon-flavored drink called Singani. (See End of Capitolism, A8.)

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Kids Go To Bed Happy

Thanks to Parent Effectiveness Training, now included in all U.S. high school curriculums, children are reporting they have great, loving adults in their lives who tuck them in and read them their favorite bedtime stories.

A new study by the Education Council has found that this new generation of parents and caregivers has succeeded in mastering the art of good parenting.

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