1. Midcity’s new top cop was sworn in today. (8 words)

2. In Hawaii today…war games turn deadly. (7 words)

3. Help is on the way for local flood victims needing to rebuild their homes. (14)

4. In California…a 99-cent soft drink is worth a quarter million dollars. (13)
   OR
   Many today are considering a disabled, unemployed California man to be mighty lucky. (13)   OR
   Call him promo man! A California man with a knack for consumer promotion games hits pay dirt for the third time in 10 years. This time he’s won a quarter million dollars.

5. In Philadelphia, a factory explosion kills two workers and injures 14 others. (12)   (Note the active voice and tight writing of this sentence structure versus the following passive voice example.)
   In Philadelphia today, two people were killed and 14 others injured in an explosion at a factory. (17 words)

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