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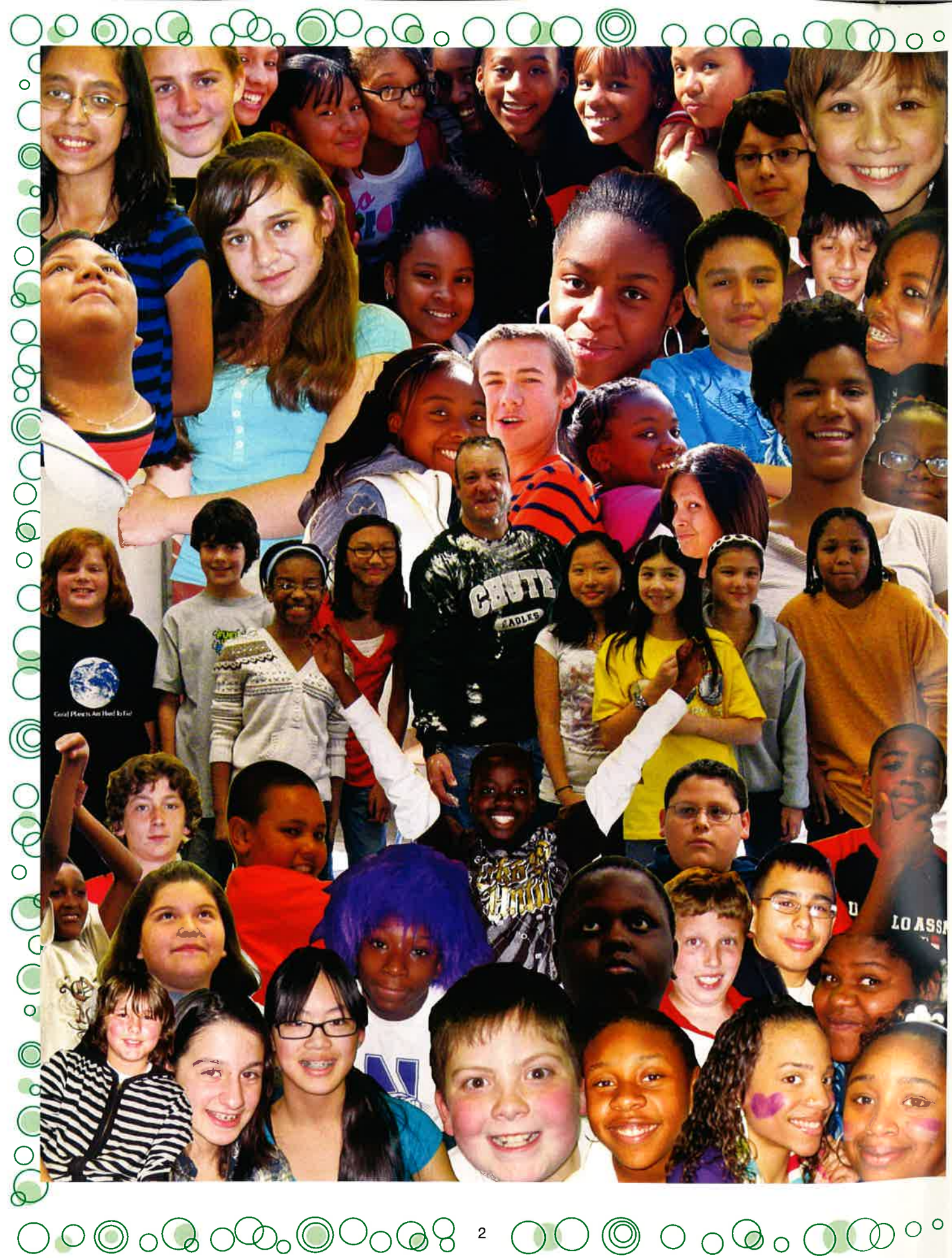
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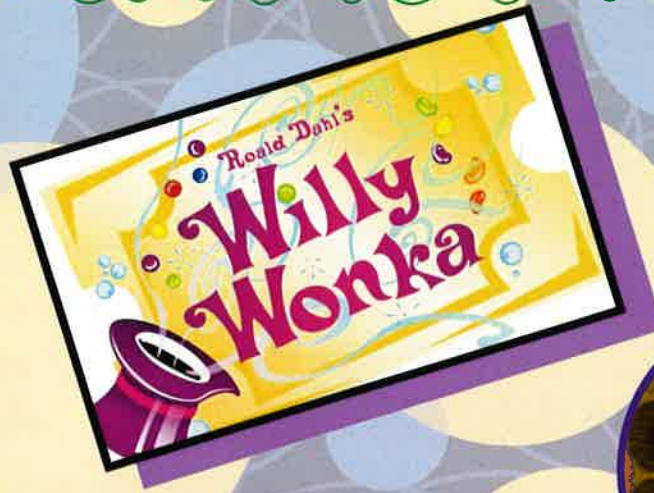
# Chute Middle School



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# Boys Soccer



# Boys Basketball



JV Boys Basketball Team



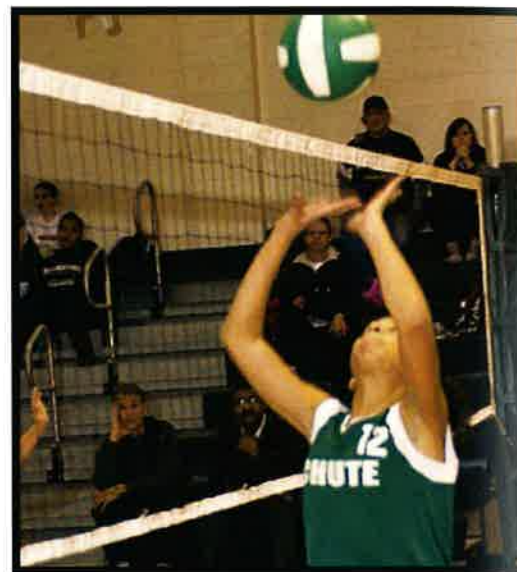
Varsity Boys' Basketball Team



# Girls Volleyball



JV Girls Volleyball Team



Varsity Girls Volleyball Team



# Girls Basketball



JV Girls Basketball Team



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# School Events



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The Only Ones



Chute Fundraiser

# Northwestern Field Trip





# 6th Grade



Anisa Abdullah



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Jamel Anderson



Samuel Andrews



Rawaa Attiya



Toni Austin



Alexis Baker



Emma Ballard



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Jaalen Banner



Gabino Barrera



Ulises Barrera



Oscar Bautista Coronel



Michael Beasley



Jessie Beckford



Armand Bogdan-Duica-Cacovea



Alexander Brooke



Jasmine Brooks



Louavinia Brown



David Burkhardt



Anthony Calhoun



Hakeem Calvin



Paula Camaya



Jose Cardenas



Grace Carter



Sofia Cisneros



Karyssa Clark

# 6th Grade



Shane Clark



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James Copper



Chelcy Coronel



Ricardo Correa



Jonathon Cortez



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Daniel Davis



Christian De La Cruz



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Dayanara Delgado



Michelle Delgado Soto



Daniel Desir



Arhman Diggs



Madison Doppelt



Colleen Dougherty



Emily Downie



Ashli Drummond



Josephine Dubiel



Michael Dumitru



Spencer Eanes



Steven Emrich



Maya Fagen



Martin Ferreyra



Marilyn Flores



Stephanie Frost



Guadalupe Garcia



Melisa Garcia



Charles Goetz

# 6th Grade



Jessica Gomez



Amanda Goreel



Amani Greaves



Dupuy Guerrier



William Hain



Daniel Hall



Jeanette Hardy



Van Heyer



Thanh Hoang



Armin Hodzic



Alia Holland



David Howard



Dejai Huffmon



Amarie Jackson



Kierra Jackson



Jimmy Jasso



Arooshay Javed



Janan Jenkins



Denisha John



Shawna Johnson



Morgan Kemp-Hall



Lydia Kenyon



Sanya Khan



Raven Lee



Benjamin Lehwald



Evan Lindley



Ronsard Lundy



Mose Macsai-Goren



Juan-Paolo Maloles



Gabrielle Malone

# 6th Grade



Asantewaa Marfo



Davion Martinez



Leslie Martinez



Susana Martinez



Adam Masters



Maricia McCoy-Burnley



Eon McKenzie



Swavay McKinney



Juan Melendez



Ocean Mellanson



Katherine Metzner



Keenan Miscinski



Arianna Moore



Lopez Morales



Anthony Morris



John Nannoo



Allison Nelson



Nautyca Nelson



Cobby Nightingale



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Zega Noryang



Daniela Olandez



Christine Omoghbo



Damaris Orozco



Christopher Patino



Crystal Patino



Erick Patino



Joshua Payne



Arielle Pearce



Kynnedi Penix

# 7th Grade



Kyanna Abdullah



Malachi Adams



Charles Ajighevi



Remy Amarteifo



Antonio Amoah



Karla Arreguin



Stephanie Austin



Vanessa Beaudouin



Cristina Becerra



Bertina Becerril



Vernell Bentley



Bo Bercasio



Orlando Bibat



Lazu Blake



Kelyn Boadi



Angelin Bowser



Nathaniel Brown



Taron Burton



Kenneth Campbell



Hope Carmel



Jose Carreon



Brandon Carter



Evan Carter



Evan Carter



Paulina Castillo



Jaco Chandra



Sasha Charles



Grace Clark



Jackie Colquitt



Christian Coronel

# 7th Grade



Christine Covode



John Creevy



Meryl Davis



Ruben Delgado-Soto



Santos Dos



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Joseph Erwin



Esteban Escobar



Navie Fields



Patricia Flores



Gracie Flowers



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Natari Gaines



Crystal Garcia



Jessica Garcia



Ezra Garfield



Samuel Goldbeck



Conrad Gordon



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Alyssa Heinrich



Elijah Henry



Denise Heredia



Ajile Hereford



Guadalupe Herrera



Donovan Howard

# 7th Grade



Christopher Hubbard



Elias Hubbard



Linh Huynh



Mikey Huynh



Ferris Ingraham



Olivier Jacques



Philippe Jean



Darnecia Jenkins



Aaliyah Jones



Myles Jones



Keegan Joyce



Mei Kelly



Carl Klamm



Kevin Krassny



Linwan Lewis



Celina Lindland



Tiawana Lindsey



Kyra Loew



Kayla Long



Adrian Lopez



Katrina Lopez



Corey Lucci



Michelle Magdaleno



Peter Martin



Luis Martinez



Caroline McCance



Carmen McClain



Isaac McCrary



David McCray



Monica McCullough

# 7th Grade



Ernesto Molotla



Keyaria Moore



Martinez Morales



Curneisha Morris



Jenica Mullins



John Muyres



Fabian Najera



Donna Nezc



Julia Nordhem



Andrew Nummy



Michelle Olivares



David Orbach



Elo Owolide



Sergio Perez-Gonzalez



Jeffrey Pittman



Eduardo Ponce



Miles Porter



Kendard Poyser



Justin Prendergast



Malik Pruitt



Arturo Ramirez



Christopher Ramirez



Jeseca Ransom



Charlotte Rees



Peter Regan



Francisco Reyes



Dejauna Richardson



Joshua Riebe



Tasha Robinson



Benjamin Rogan

# 7th Grade



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Samuel Sendelbach



Jonathan Senecal



Terrell Shammon



Christopher Smith



Jane Smith



Rickey Smith



Tyler Smith



Rodrigo Soliva



Anami Sprengelmeyer



James Strickland



Diamond Thompson



William Thompson



Alyssa Tolentino



Jennifer Vargas



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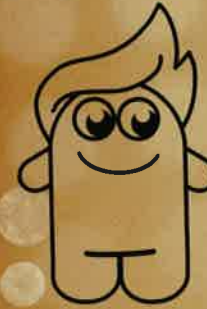


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# Headline News



**SLIPPERY SLOPE**  
Nearly 16 million Americans lost their jobs in the wake of the recession. The increased wave of lay-offs put the national unemployment rate at 10.2%, the highest in over 26 years. Although the economy began to rebound from the worst recession in 70 years, employers continued to be wary.

The Statue of Liberty can have up to 15,000 visitors per day.



**BALLOON HOAX**  
Millions watched as a large metallic balloon, said to be carrying a 6 year old boy, soared through the air in Colorado. When it landed and "balloon boy" Falcon Heene was not inside, the world was relieved to learn he had been hiding in the attic the entire time. Three days later, after a telling interview, the whole spectacle was deemed a hoax in the parents' pursuit of fame and fortune. The parents pled guilty to criminal charges and received jail time.



**FORT HOOD TRAGEDY**  
On November 5, 2009, Fort Hood, America's largest military base, transformed from a place where soldiers prepare for war to an actual battlefield. Major Nidal Malik Hasan, a licensed military psychiatrist, opened fire in the processing center where soldiers report before deployment. Twelve soldiers and one civilian lost their lives, while 30 others were injured, including Hasan. In the past, Hasan had been openly critical about the war on terror.



**CLUNKERS MAKE SOME NOISE**  
For nearly a month in the summer of 2009 America was consumed by CARS (Car Allowance Rebate System), commonly known as Cash for Clunkers. The government program was designed to encourage drivers to trade-in old gas-guzzlers in favor of new, fuel-efficient vehicles. With an incentive of up to \$4,500, the program was wildly successful and nearly 700,000 cars were traded in.

**A MUSIC ICON REMEMBERED**  
Legendary performer Michael Jackson passed away suddenly at the age of 50. As news spread of his death, the internet suffered a significant slowdown as people worldwide conducted simultaneous searches. Jackson was also nominated for five American Music Awards in 2009, including Artist of the Year, after his music saw a tremendous surge in sales and airplay. As a final tribute, Sony Pictures released *This Is It*. The never-before-seen footage of Jackson rehearsing for his final 50 shows was a massive success, making millions.



**ALL A BUZZ**  
Kavya Shivashankar, a 13 year old from Kansas, won the Scripps National Spelling Bee. A four-time competitor and aspiring neurosurgeon, Kavya won the trophy and more than \$40,000 in cash and prizes with her correct spelling of "Ladicean" — meaning lukewarm or indifferent in religion or politics.



**NUCLEAR TEST**  
North Korea conducted a series of rocket and missile tests, including an underground nuclear bomb test in an attempt to lure the U.S. into talks to loosen sanctions. The international community was outraged, stating that the test was in clear violation of international law. In 2008, North Korea agreed to suspend its nuclear testing in exchange for economic stimulus, but the deal fell through after it removed inspectors from the country.



**CATASTROPHIC QUAKES**  
The island nation of Haiti was struck by a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake so strong it could be felt nearly 200 miles away. The flattened capital city left millions seeking shelter and medical attention and Haitian government officials estimated over 111,000 people lost their lives. Humanitarian organizations such as the Red Cross set up aid and relief efforts while streamlining donations by allowing individuals to text message pledges. Within days, over \$355 million in donations had been raised through the combined efforts of companies, charities and individuals.



**OPRAH MOVES ON**  
Popular syndicated talk show host and business tycoon, Oprah Winfrey, announced she would end *The Oprah Winfrey Show* in late summer 2011. The news came as a shock to fans that have elevated her status to nothing short of an icon since the show's inception in 1986. Early speculation indicated she may start a new show on her own Oprah Winfrey Network in 2011. Her show currently draws about 7 million viewers a day.

**IRANIAN ELECTION PROTESTS**  
Iran's presidential election drew international attention when disputes over the winner sparked two weeks of protests. Reformist activists claimed Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's landslide win was a fraudulent mishandling of the ballots. The protests resulted in 20 fatalities, numerous arrests and trials for nearly 100 demonstrators facing charges such as attacking government property, violence toward security forces and creating panic in public.



**SONIA SUPREME**  
With a vote of 68-31, Sonia Sotomayor became the first Hispanic person to become a Supreme Court Justice and just the third woman of all time. Sotomayor was appointed to the Supreme Court with 17 years of federal experience, having tried over 3,600 cases.

**TOYOTA TROUBLES**  
Automobile giant, Toyota, recalled eight of its models after learning of a problem with its acceleration mechanisms that caused some gas pedals to stick and vehicles to accelerate without warning. Though the company said the problem is "rare and infrequent" it decided to recall about 4.2 million vehicles worldwide and brought U.S. sales and production to a halt. The company tried to remedy the situation and ease the nerves of uncertain drivers by sending new parts to dealers to fix the faulty pedals.



TIME Magazine's "Best Invention of the Year"

**ARES BLASTS OFF**  
Forty years after putting the first men on the moon, NASA is once again elevating its space program with the new Ares 1-X Rocket. The streamline rocket's simpler design is cheaper and up to 10 times safer than its shuttle predecessors. Despite a successful first test in late October, officials say that the 1-X may not carry astronauts until 2017.

## My Headlines

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE HEADLINES OF THE YEAR?

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## H1N1 FLU OUTBREAK

In the spring of 2009, H1N1 emerged with the first reported cases in Mexico. The virus reached the United States in April and officials worried the flu would spread rapidly, causing a global pandemic and fear that the unpredictable flu virus could mutate into a more dangerous strain. In the fall, President Obama declared a national emergency, enabling the government to provide more aid to the states. In the U.S. alone, millions of people were infected and thousands lost their lives. When a vaccine became available in the fall, thousands flooded phone lines and clinics around the country, as the demand greatly outnumbered the first supply.



**HEALTH CARE HURDLES**  
In groundbreaking sessions of Congress, both the House and Senate passed bills for health care reform after months of debate. The next step was to merge the nearly \$1 trillion proposed plans for a final vote. If passed, the bill would become the largest federal health care expansion in forty years since the introduction of Medicare and Medicaid. The goal of the bill is to bring extended insurance coverage to an additional 30 million Americans.

## SURPRISE PRIZE

A surprise to many, the Norwegian Nobel Committee honored President Barack Obama with the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize, just eight months into his tenure. The committee explained it was Obama's "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples" that brought his name to the top of the nominees list. Upon learning the news, the president remarked that he was humbled by the decision.



**SHIFTING FRONTLINES**  
President Obama announced the deployment of 30,000 additional American troops to Afghanistan starting in early 2010, bringing the total U.S. presence to about 100,000 troops. The intended strategy was to combat the growing momentum of the Taliban in the region and to provide training for Afghan security forces. Plans to begin withdrawing troops were set for 2011.

## DUBAI IN THE SKY

Marking a stunning architectural achievement, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai opened, becoming the tallest skyscraper in the world. The towering needle-shaped structure stretches nearly 2,700 feet into the air. The building has 160 stories which include apartments, office space and a hotel designed by Giorgio Armani. The eye-catching main attraction of a new shopping district, the Burj Khalifa reportedly cost \$1.5 billion to build.



**FOUND 18 YEARS LATER**  
The discovery of Jaycee Dugard 18 years after her disappearance renewed hope for families of missing children. When Dugard was 11 years old she was abducted by Philip Garrido while walking to her school bus. Jaycee was held captive in Garrido's backyard. Both Garrido and his wife face multiple charges, including kidnapping and false imprisonment. Jaycee has since reunited with her family.

# Science & Discoveries

## AERODYNAMIC SEEDS

"Helicopter seeds," the seeds from maple trees, have provided hours of fun for children but researchers were stumped as to what made the seeds hover. A team of Dutch and American scientists discovered the answer. When a maple seed swirls, a tornado-like vortex lowers the air pressure around the seed, sucking the wings upward to oppose gravity—insects, bats, and hummingbirds employ the same technique.



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## IN HOT WATER

Ocean temperatures around the world measured 1 degree higher than normal between June and August, averaging 62.5°F, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. August saw the warmest temps on record since 1880, when record keeping began. Though climate change is listed as a factor, meteorologists say the warming is also due in part to a natural El Niño system. Ocean heat puts coral reefs in harm's way and also contributes to melting Arctic sea ice and hurricane strength.



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## A FARMER'S FRIEND

Even plants have joined in the text-messaging craze. Through SmartCrop™ infrared thermometers planted in soil, plants can "tell" farmers when they are hot or thirsty. Most crops have an ideal temperature for growth and these thermometers allow farmers to be notified by text message if a plant has risen above the ideal temp.



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## GROWTH SPURT

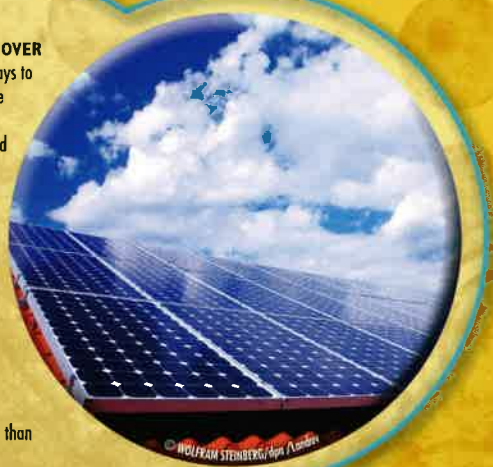
The Bristlecone pine is the world's longest-lived tree, sustaining ages up to 4,800 years. Recently, researchers found that these ancient trees are growing at a much faster rate than ever before as evident by its widening rings. The growth is presumably due to the increase in temperature in their high-altitude climate over the past 50 years.



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## SOLAR ENERGY MAKEOVER

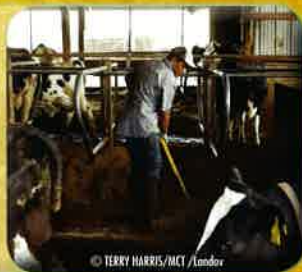
Developers have found two ways to make solar power panels more appealing to the average homeowner. First, underground panels use fiber optic cables to capture and distribute sun energy, instead of heavy panels. The second option is to incorporate shingle-like solar panels that have a thin copper film covering to absorb light energy into the roof. The Powerhouse™ Solar Shingle is expected to be less expensive and easier to install than full-size panels.



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## POO POWER PAYOFF

In response to rising energy costs year-after-year, Shawn Saylor turned to an unlikely renewable source to power his family's dairy farm. Using the manure from 600 cows, Saylor used a process known as anaerobic digestion to generate energy. Saylor explained that this method produces a savings of about \$200,000 per year with the ability to sell left over energy back to the power company.



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## TINY T-REX

History's fearsome Tyrannosaurus Rex may have had miniature ancestors. A newly discovered ancient creature known as "Raptorex" closely resembles its massive relative, at only a fraction of the size. Experts report it may have weighed only 150 pounds compared to T-Rex's 13,000 pounds. Raptorex would have existed 60 million years before T-Rex, and despite its size, would have touted an extremely powerful bite.

## LET'S GO FLY A KITE

Scientists from the University of California and the Carnegie Institution have discovered a way to create sustainable energy—through kites. High-altitude winds contain a vast amount of energy. By releasing kite-like wind turbines miles above the planet and tethering them to the ground, researchers believe they could create enough energy to supply electricity worldwide.



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## COOLING SUN

Scientists have discovered that the sun is at its dimmest in over 100 years. Typically, the sun undergoes 11-year cycles, culminating in the expulsion of solar flares and planet-sized debris. After 2008 the sun was expected to become increasingly hotter, but instead it was at a 50-year low for solar pressure and a 100-year low for sunspot activity. Although dimming of the sun has resulted in decreased temperatures in the past, the onset of global warming has likely counteracted this phenomenon.



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## COLOSSAL SEA MONSTER

The fossilized skull of an ancient sea monster called a piosaur was discovered along the Jurassic Coast of England. The skull—dating back 150 million years—measured nearly eight feet. Scientists believe the creature's full size was up to 52 feet long, making it the biggest piosaur ever found. The dangerous sea predator could have eaten a T-Rex for breakfast!



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## CARBON CAPTURE

Professor Klaus Lackner of Columbia University has created a "synthetic tree" able to capture destructive carbon dioxide 1,000 times better than real trees. When the wind blows through the "leaves", carbon is trapped and converted to a liquid form. One unit could remove up to a ton of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere a day—the equivalent of 20 cars.

## ROBOTS CAN SWIM!

Mechanical engineers Kamal Youcef-Toumi and Pablo Valdivia Y Alvarado of MIT designed robotic fish that can swim and maneuver just like real fish. They hope to one day use the robots to help patrol bodies of water such as lakes and rivers, looking for pollutants and inspecting underwater structures.



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## NOW THAT'S A RING

NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope discovered the largest ring around the planet Saturn. The never-before-seen ring is so colossal that NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory estimates that it would take 1 billion earth-sized planets to fill it. Composed of dust and ice particles, the ring's temperature is approximately -316°F.



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## SUPER NATURAL GLUE

The asparagus beetle attaches its eggs using what is said to be some of the strongest natural glue in the world. A study discovered the almost invisible eggs require a pull-off force of "8,650 times higher than the egg weight." It's not unusual for an insect to produce egg glue and this research could lead to the discovery of other natural bonding agents.

## My Discoveries

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE DISCOVERIES OF THE YEAR?

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## H<sub>2</sub>O ON THE MOON

For the first time, water was discovered on the moon's surface. NASA announced its significant find after reviewing data from an intentional satellite crash it conducted in search of water. The data also revealed there were more than just droplets but rather "a dozen, two-gallon bucketfuls." Experts said the discovery will open the door to other space exploration opportunities, including the potential for a sustainable lunar space station.

## GLOW-IN-THE-DARK PUPPIES?

Scientists in South Korea cloned a genetically engineered litter of pups, enabling them to glow red under ultraviolet light. The intention of the experiment was to prove that if fluorescent protein can be created through the modification of genetic code, there may be a way to fix genetic flaws in humans by similar innovations in genetic coding.



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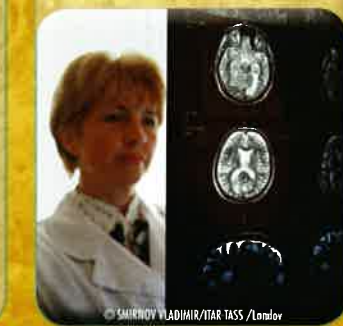
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## AUTISM BRAIN DISCOVERY

To learn more about the causes of autism, researchers conducted a study of MRI brain scans of 50 toddlers. Preliminary findings showed that on average, an area in the brain called the amygdala is 13% larger in young children with autism. It is believed that these children are born with normal-sized brains but later in the first year the area begins to grow larger. Autism is a developmental condition affecting as many as 1 in 150 children.

## MIGHTY MICE

In a scientific breakthrough, two labs in China bred the first induced pluripotent stem cell (iPS) mice, meaning they were the first of their kind developed from adult stem cells, instead of the more controversial embryonic cells. Scientists reprogrammed the cells back to an embryonic state where they could again develop into actual mice. This discovery is strong evidence that iPS cells have the potential to be used for treating disease.



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# Tech Topics



## WHAT'S THE WORD?

Social networking giant Facebook grew to more than 250 million users in 2009 and was valued at about \$15 billion. With that many users it's no wonder the site has become a part of our daily language. This trend became even more evident when New Oxford American Dictionary and the American Dialect Society announced their "Word(s) of the Year". "Unfriend" was the first internet-inspired word to take the Oxford title while the American Dialect Society announced "tweet" as its top word for the year and "Google" as "Word of the Decade".

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Awarded Educational Toy of the Year at the 2009 Australian Toy Hobby and Nursery Fair.



## DARTH VADER ARM

The Darth Vader robotic arm, the latest and greatest in *Star Wars* related toys and collectibles, is easy to assemble with 45 pieces that snap together. Though just a toy, this robotic limb has the power to grip, turn, extend and hold objects.

## THE BLADELESS FAN

It's been 127 years since the standard electric fan was introduced and people have been pretty satisfied. Now, the Dyson company, well known for its innovative vacuum cleaners, introduced the first bladeless fan. The Air Multiplier pulls air through its base, which is then pushed through a hidden vent into the circular head of the fan to create an uninterrupted breeze.



## 3-D TV

Riding a wave of popularity since the release of hit movies like *Up* and *Monsters vs. Aliens*, 3-D is coming to television. Manufacturers such as Sony, Panasonic, Mitsubishi, and JVC all reported working on 3-D televisions. In the future, viewers will have the option of watching programs in 3-D, utilizing special glasses to see the third dimension.



## DISPOSABLE TIMING CHIPS

After years of clunky timing devices and expensive lost chip fees, runners will benefit from disposable timing technology. Using radio frequency identification (RFID), race organizers can put an integrated tag on race bib numbers to accurately record time during competition. The cost effective design also allows runners to simply throw away the chip after racing.



## BEATLES ROCK AGAIN

The Beatles rocked the music industry, re-releasing their famed anthology and launching their first ever video game. Decades after their last album was recorded, all 12 of The Beatles' studio albums were re-released in a new digitally re-mastered format. *The Beatles: Rock Band*, an experiential video game, features 45 of their hits and offers players an option to relive music history by playing through the tracks chronologically.



## ENERGY SAVING LIGHT

Philips Electronics introduced a new energy-efficient LED light bulb that uses just 10 watts (compared to 60 watts of the standard bulb) and generates the same amount of energy but lasts 25 times longer as its counterpart. The bulb may save as much electricity as is needed for 17.4 million households in a given year. Philips Electronics LED bulb was entered into the U.S. Department of Energy's L Prize competition and if it takes the prize, the company could be awarded \$10 million in cash and federal contracts.

## TWITTER ON THE MIND

Millions share their thoughts, opinions and updates every day (or hour) using Twitter. But University of Wisconsin doctoral student Adam Wilson's research revealed a new use—establishing a form of communication for those with extensive paralysis. Wearing an electrode-covered cap, Wilson focused his attention on flashing letters on a computer screen while his brain activity was monitored to figure out which letter he wanted. In the end he was able to tweet 23 characters with his mind.



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## SEEING EYEBORG

Canadian filmmaker Rob Spence has lived with permanent damage to his right eye since the age of 11. In his efforts to regain vision, Rob partnered with a camera provider in an attempt to replace his eye with a wireless, battery-powered video camera for what is being called the "Eyeborg" Project.

## CYBORG BEETLES

Ripped from the pages of science fiction comes the government-funded cyborg beetle. Development began on a project that has scientists implanting miniature electrodes into beetles to enable them to control the insects' every move via remote control. Though still in testing, the high-tech critters could one day be used as military spies.



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## SMART THERMOSTAT

EnergyHub™ Dashboard was introduced addressing both the environmental and recession-minded concerns of today. The device wirelessly tracks your appliances and informs you of how much energy you are using. It also tells you how much your usage costs so you can make adjustments, conserve energy and pocket the savings.



## THE VIDEO IT GETTING OUT OF CONTROL, TO LET 'S GIVE IT



## REALITY GAMING

Video games got a dose of reality by taking their inspiration from the news. Games like *Hero on the Hudson*, *Swinefighter* and *Trillion Dollar Bailout* allowed users to be a part of the headline-making stories. The two-dimensional games, mostly developed for internet or cell phones, were simple, allowing creators to release them quickly after the actual events took place.

## TETRIS TURNS 25

With an undeniable place in video game history, the popular puzzle game *Tetris* turned 25. A series of new features for a new generation were announced, such as *Tetris Acorn Drop*, a concept taken from the movie *Ice Age*.



In its lifetime, Tetris has been purchased or downloaded more than 125 million times.



## WALK THIS WAY

Before iPods became the "it" way to listen to music on the go, there was the Sony Walkman. Once the leader in music technology, the audio cassette player and radio turned 30 this year. The grandfather of personal music devices allowed users to take their favorite tunes anywhere, ultimately paving the way for the Discman, the MP3 player and the iPod.

# My Technology

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE GADGETS OF THE YEAR?

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# SMART PHONES GET SMARTER

The smartphone continued its rise in popularity as on-the-go technology evolved. From the popular BlackBerry® series to the iPhone, smartphones offered everyone from business professionals and techies to senior citizens and even children hand-held access to the internet and continuous connectivity to the world. Additionally, 2009 was deemed "the year of the app" by many, with available applications surpassing 100,000 (and over 1 billion downloads) that can do just about anything imaginable—from efficient and practical to simple and fun.



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## THE NEW FACE OF HOLLYWOOD

Legendary filmmaker James Cameron reshaped the movie industry by helping develop the advanced camera technology used in his blockbuster hit *Avatar*. Cameron helped pioneer a lightweight, two-lens camera that can shoot dynamic live action footage in 3-D and a head-rig camera that accurately records facial expressions. The result is a stunningly realistic, digitally created movie that captures even the most obscure details on an actor's face. The computer generated characters, like those on *Avatar*'s fictional planet of Pandora, appear more realistic than ever before.



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## DIRTY WORK

A DustCart robot, reminiscent of Disney's *WALL-E*, recently took to the streets of Italy. The robot, which will be tested in cities around the world, responds to residents who place their trash and recyclables on the curb and call for pick up. It fills up its belly with unwanted waste, much the same as the traditional dump truck. Though not as efficient as a fleet of trucks, the DustCart monitors air pollutants and is much quieter, running on lithium ion batteries.

## E-Book It!

The Amazon Kindle wireless e-book reader has been growing in popularity since its introduction nearly three years ago. During the holiday season, the mobile reading device boasted record performance becoming the most gifted item in Amazon's history selling more e-books than physical books for the first time ever. Proving a growing trend, Barnes and Noble, Inc. introduced its own electronic reader, *nook™* which took the number two spot on *TIME Magazine's* Top Gadgets of 2009.



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# Scoreboard

## PURSUIT OF THE CUP

In a precursor to the World Cup next year, Brazil won the FIFA 2009 Confederations Cup held in South Africa. The Brazilians bounced back from a two-goal deficit late in the game to dramatically beat the U.S. It was the third tournament championship for Brazil and the 14th win of 15 games against the U.S.



## VONN HER WAY

U.S. downhill skiing champ, Lindsey Vonn made a stunning comeback after her 2006 Olympic dreams were halted after she crashed during a training session. She went on to win both the 2008 and 2009 World Cup overall titles. With the titles in hand, Vonn was well on her way to a gold medal at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games. Other U.S. Olympic front runners included Evan Lysacek in figure skating and Apolo Ohno in short track speed skating.

## CHAMPION MOM

Kim Clijsters rejoined the world of tennis in grand fashion. After retiring from the sport in 2007 to start a family, Clijsters returned to win the US Open. By defeating Caroline Wozniacki in the finals, the Belgian tennis pro became the first unseeded woman ever to win the 2009 US Open; and the first mother to win a Grand Slam title since Evonne Goolagong Cawley at Wimbledon in 1980.



## VICTOR-JI!

Eun-Hee Ji, from Korea, won the US Women's Open. Going into the final round, Ji trailed American Cristie Kerr by two shots. With a double-bogey on the 10th hole, Ji's chance at victory looked slim. Kerr, however, had a disappointing final round, allowing Ji to come from behind, sinking a final 20-foot putt for the win.

## GOLF GOES GLOBAL

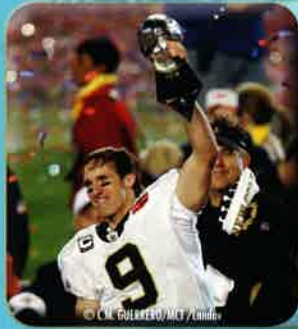
From its birth in the Scottish countryside to the manicured greens of Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia, golf traditionally has been played by Europeans and Americans. In 2009, two players proved that golf has gone global. Angel Cabrera won The Masters Tournament to become the first Argentinian to wear the prized green jacket. Y.E. Yang defeated Tiger Woods, winning the PGA Championship and becoming the first Asian man to win a major title.



Mark Buehrle is the only active pitcher with two career no-hitters.

## BUEHRLE PITCHES PERFECT

Chicago White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle tossed a gem of a game on July 23rd to become only the 18th player in history to pitch a perfect game. The feat came two seasons after he threw a no-hitter, which makes him just the 26th player to throw multiple no-hitters in his career.



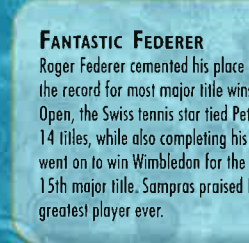
## SAINTS GO MARCHING

For the first time in its 43-year franchise history and its first appearance at the big game, the New Orleans Saints won the Super Bowl beating out the Indianapolis Colts. With a stunning defensive performance and unstoppable offensive drive that dominated three quarters, the Saints claimed its 31-17 victory. Later, team quarterback Drew Brees was honored as Most Valuable Player having tied the record for most completions in a Super Bowl, finishing with 32 completions out of 39 passes for 288 yards.



## WINTER X GAMES

Snowboarding star Shaun White proved his resilience and talent at the annual Winter X Games in Aspen, Colorado. After taking a spill face-first on the halfpipe while practicing his newest and most dangerous stunt, White returned to take first in the Snowboard SuperPipe competition for the third straight year. White wasn't the only repeat winner — Ophelie David took home her fourth consecutive Women's Skier X title.



## FANTASTIC FEDERER

Roger Federer cemented his place in tennis history by breaking the record for most major title wins. By winning the French Open, the Swiss tennis star tied Pete Sampras' historic record of 14 titles, while also completing his career Grand Slam. Federer went on to win Wimbledon for the sixth time, giving him his 15th major title. Sampras praised Federer by saying he was the greatest player ever.



## PENGUINS WIN STANLEY CUP

The Pittsburgh Penguins triumphed over defending champions, the Detroit Red Wings, in a nail-biting game seven of the Stanley Cup. Thanks to Penguin team member Max Talbot's two goals in the second period, the Penguins became the first team since 1971 to win game seven on the opposing team's home ice.



## LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

In a suspenseful final game, California clinched the 5th straight Little League World Series title for the U.S. Fans, including Vice President Joe Biden, watched and cheered as the team fought their way back from a three-run deficit to defeat Taiwan 6-3. After the game, the team celebrated its win with class, inviting the Taiwan team to join them in their victory lap.



## WELCOME, WPS

This year marked the inaugural season for the Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) league. The league consisted of seven teams scattered across the U.S. with two more teams set to join the league in the future. With a score of 1-0, the Sky Blue FC team from New York and New Jersey defeated the Los Angeles Sol to claim the first ever WPS Championship.

This was the Laker's 15th championship title.

## LAKERS OUT TRICK MAGIC

The Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Orlando Magic in game five of the NBA finals. Four-time NBA champion Kobe Bryant was the standout star of the series, leading his team to victory and claiming the title of Most Valuable Player.



## My Sports

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR?

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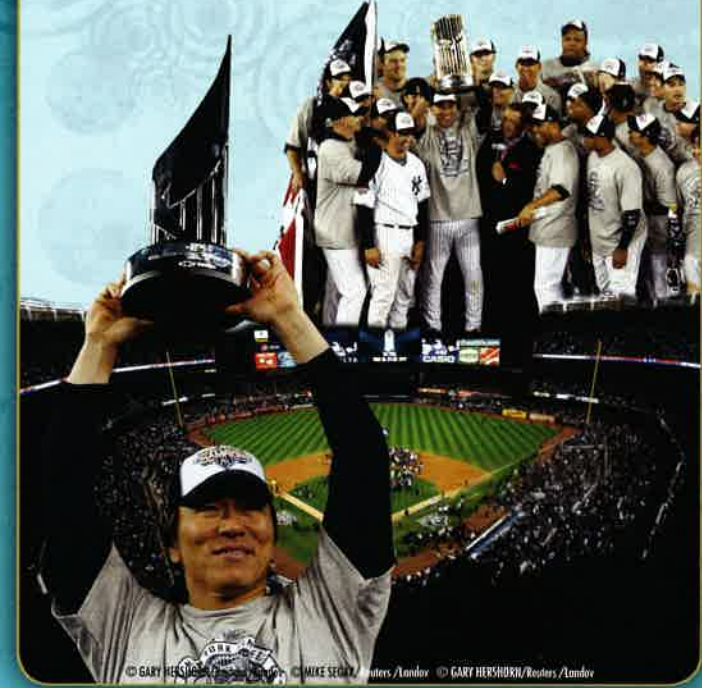
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## YANKEES WIN 27TH TITLE

The New York Yankees defeated the defending champion Philadelphia Phillies in game six of the World Series. The win marks the 27th World Series title for the Yankees, the most titles in all of sports, and the first win in their \$1.5 billion new stadium. Hideki Matsui was named series MVP with a record-setting six RBIs in game six, while Andy Pettitte became the pitcher with the most wins in the post-season, claiming his 18th victory.



## NASCAR CHAMP

Jimmie Johnson became the first driver in NASCAR history to win four consecutive Sprint Cup series titles, breaking the tie he previously held with Carl Yarborough. By finishing fifth in the final race of the season, Johnson earned enough points to secure the title. With 6,652 points on the year, Johnson beat out his next closest opponent by 141 points.



## BOLT STRIKES AGAIN

Deemed the "fastest man alive" during the 2008 Olympics, Jamaica's Usain Bolt continued to amaze at the World Championships. Not only did Bolt break his own world record in the 100-meter in a stunning 9.58 seconds, he went on to set a new record of 19.19 seconds for the 200-meter.

## HORSE PLAY

In front of a crowd of over 150,000 onlookers, Mine That Bird won the Kentucky Derby. The 50-1 long shot defied the odds to take the title, returning \$103.20 on a \$2 bet. Mine That Bird appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated the following week.



# Chart Toppers



## TWILIGHT SHINES BRIGHT

Now in its 10th year, the Teen Choice Awards recognized achievements in movies, television, music and more. Among the winners of the coveted surfboard trophies was *Twilight*, winning 11 out of 12 nominations, including Choice Movie Drama. The movie's stars, Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart also picked up top acting awards. In television, Chase Crawford and Leighton Meester won Choice Acting praise for their roles in the Choice TV Drama *Gossip Girl*. Jason Mraz and Taylor Swift both received Choice Music Artist awards.



Swift is the youngest winner of the Entertainer of the Year award.



## MICHAEL MAKES HISTORY

The American Music Awards were a night filled with emotion and history making. Adding four awards to his resume (accepted by brother Jermaine, pictured above), Michael Jackson became the most awarded artist in AMA history. Jackson won Favorite Male Artist in both the Pop-Rock and Soul-R&B genres, while his *Number Ones* album took home the top spot in both categories as well. Taylor Swift was also a big winner, taking home five awards in total, including the top honor, Artist of the Year.



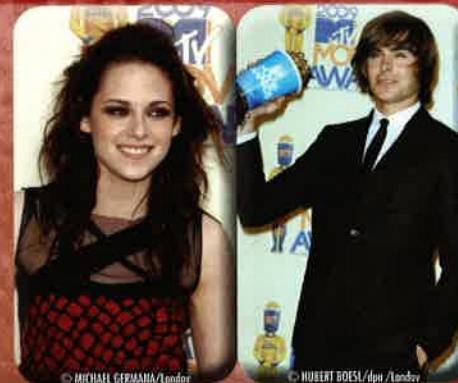
## MILLIONAIRE MOMENT

*Slumdog Millionaire* emerged as the big winner of the 81st Academy Awards, picking up eight Oscars, including Best Motion Picture, Best Director and Best Adapted Screenplay. Sean Penn upset sentimental favorite Mickey Rourke to take home the Oscar in the Lead Actor category, while Kate Winslet won for Lead Actress. The late Heath Ledger won for Best Supporting Actor and Penelope Cruz became the first Spanish actress to win Best Supporting Actress.



## MTV MOVIE AWARDS

Teens ruled the big screen this year at the MTV Movie Awards. Kristen Stewart won Best Female Performance for her role in *Twilight*, while Zac Efron won Best Male Performance for his musical performance in *High School Musical 3*. The hit vampire love story *Twilight* won top honors as Best Movie.



## SWIFT STEALS THE SHOW

The night belonged to Taylor Swift, 19, as she won all four Country Music Awards for which she was nominated. The singer won Album of the Year for *Fearless*, Video of the Year and Female Vocalist of the Year, beating out favorite Carrie Underwood. In her most impressive victory, Swift took home the trophy for Entertainer of the Year, making her the first female to win since 1999. Other winners included Darius Rucker for New Artist of the Year and Lady Antebellum for Vocal Group of the Year.



## MUSIC'S BIGGEST NIGHT

Robert Plant and Alison Krauss were the big winners at the 51st Annual Grammy Awards. Plant and Krauss received five Grammys, including the night's biggest award, Album of the Year for *Raising Sand*. They also took home awards for Record of the Year, Best Pop Collaboration, Best Country Collaboration with Vocals and Best Contemporary Folk/American Album. Other top winners included Coldplay, who grabbed three awards and Lil Wayne, who received four awards.



## EMMY AWARDS

Despite repeat winners, the 61st Emmy Awards still had some surprises. *30 Rock* took home the statue for Outstanding Comedy Series for the third straight year, while *Mad Men* repeated as winner of Outstanding Drama Series. *The Amazing Race* won for Best Reality Competition for the seventh consecutive year. Unexpected winners included Kristen Chenoweth for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for the cancelled *Pushing Daisies* and Jon Cryer won Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series for *Two and a Half Men*.



## MOONMAN MADNESS

The stars turned out for the Video Music Awards and the night was full of memorable moments. Janet Jackson paid tribute to her brother Michael with a moving performance to open the show. Later, in a controversial move, Kanye West stormed the stage, interrupting Taylor Swift's acceptance speech for Best Female Video. Despite the distractions, Moonmen were still awarded. Beyoncé took home the prize for Video of the Year, Lady Gaga was named Best New Artist, and Green Day won Best Rock Video.



## HARRY'S MIDNIGHT MILLIONS

After two years, fans eagerly awaited the sixth installment in the *Harry Potter* series, which proved even more magical than the rest. The midnight showings of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* raked in \$22.2 million at the box office, beating the previous record of \$18.5 million held by *The Dark Knight*.



Harry's opening day international box-office total reached \$104 million.

## HIGH SCHOOL COOL

The Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards kicked off with its traditional hijinks when host Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson zip-lined over the audience in a stunning entrance. The evening's top honors went to *High School Musical 3* for Favorite Movie and its star Vanessa Hudgens won Favorite Movie Actress. Miley Cyrus won for Favorite Female Singer and *Twilight* was named Favorite Book.



## JUNO AWARDS

Nickelback, nominated five times, took home three Junos for Group of the Year, Album of the Year, and the Fan Choice Award. Hip-hop artist Kardinal Offishall earned Best Rap Recording, while Alanis Morissette won Best Pop Album. This year marked the 38th anniversary of the Canadian-based awards.



## DECADE DARLINGS

In celebration of a new decade, *Entertainment Weekly* published their list of top entertainers of the 2000s. Rounding out the top five were actor Johnny Depp noted for his work in *Pirates of the Caribbean*; 10-time Grammy winner Beyoncé; *Harry Potter* author J.K. Rowling; American Idol judge and entertainment mogul Simon Cowell and Emmy award-winning writer/actress Tina Fey.

## B.E.T AWARDS

The top stars of 2009 were out at the annual Black Entertainment Television Awards. Winners included Beyoncé for Best Female R&B Artist and Best Music Video for *Single Ladies*; Ne-yo won for Best Male R&B Artist; and MTV reality stars, Day 26 took home Best Group. Other wins included Best Actor, Will Smith; Best Actress, Taraji P. Henson; Best Male Athlete, LeBron James and Best Female Athlete, Serena Williams.



## My Awards

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE AWARD SHOW MOMENTS OF THE YEAR?

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## TOP 5 IN '09

### SONGS

1. *Boom Boom Pow* - Black Eyed Peas
  2. *Poker Face* - Lady Gaga
  3. *Just Dance* - Lady Gaga Featuring Colby O'Donis
  4. *I Gotta Feeling* - Black Eyed Peas
  5. *Love Story* - Taylor Swift
- (According to Billboard Hot 100)

### MOVIES

1. *Avatar* - \$445,768,203
  2. *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen* - \$402,111,870
  3. *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* - \$301,959,197
  4. *Up* - \$293,004,164
  5. *The Twilight Saga: New Moon* - \$291,149,228
- (According to Box Office Mojo)



## PEOPLE HAVE CHOSEN

Fan favorites in film, television and music were awarded at the 36th annual People's Choice Awards. *Twilight* continued its triumphant award streak, picking up four awards including Favorite Movie, Favorite Franchise, Favorite On-Screen Team (awarded to Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart), as well as Favorite Breakout Movie Actor for Taylor Lautner. Johnny Depp was also honored with the Favorite Movie Actor for the Decade award for his film achievements over the past 10 years. Favorite TV Comedy Actor/Actress awards went to Steve Carell for *The Office* and Alyson Hannigan for *How I Met Your Mother*. Favorite Male/Female Artist went to Keith Urban and Taylor Swift respectively.



## ALMA AWARDS

Held during National Hispanic Heritage Month in September, the ALMA Awards handed out accolades to Latinos in the entertainment industry. Winners included Selena Gomez for Comedy Actress and David Archuleta for New Artist. Eva Longoria Parker and George Lopez hosted this year's festivities.



## AVATAR STRIKES GOLD

The 67th annual Golden Globe awards' top honors for Best Motion Picture - Drama went to the blockbuster hit *Avatar* while director James Cameron also won for Best Director. Top movie acting nods went to Sandra Bullock for her role in *The Blind Side* and Jeff Bridges for *Crazy Heart*. In the television categories it was *Mad Men* that took home the trophy for Best Television Series - Drama while *Glee* was presented with Best Television Series - Comedy or Musical.



## LATIN GRAMMY AWARDS

The 10th Annual Latin Grammy Awards belonged to Calle 13. The hip-hop/alternative-reggae duo walked away with all five trophies they were nominated for including Record of the Year and Album of the Year, Best Urban Music Album, Best Alternative Song, and Best Short Form Music Video. Alternative rock also won big with Café Tacvba, Jaguares and Caetano Veloso receiving two awards each.



# Say What?!

The odds of winning the lottery twice are nearly 1 in 50 trillion.

## CUPCAKE FOR THE CURE

The world's largest cupcake record was crushed eight times over by a mammoth 1,224-pound triple vanilla cupcake containing an estimated 2 million calories. The pastry took over 12 hours to bake and included 800 eggs and 200 pounds each of sugar and flour. The cupcake was served to raise money for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure breast cancer organization.



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## SKINNY SCARE

Despite being a popular fashion trend for years, skinny jeans could be causing nerve damage. Doctors reported seeing an increase of young women complaining of tingling or numbness in the upper legs, supposedly caused by the trendy pants. Diagnosed as a form of nerve damage, meralgia paresthetica is usually not permanent and the effects can be reversed by trading in the tight fitting jeans for a looser alternative.

## DAILY DOUBLE

Sean Sanders, an unemployed mortgage worker played the odds and won ... twice! After winning \$1,400 in the California Lottery, he checked his Mega Millions lottery ticket and realized he'd won an additional \$141,519. Sanders reported that he plans to pay off his bills and invest what remains.



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## WHATEVER!

In a survey conducted by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, "whatever" was found to be the most annoying word in America. With 47% of the vote, the popular word of disinterest beat out other phrases like "you know," "it is what it is," and "at the end of the day." "Whatever" gained popularity in the 1990s after its use as valley-girl slang in movies like *Clueless*.



## BOY HIT BY METEORITE

A 14 year old from Germany lived to tell his story after being struck by a meteorite traveling 30,000 mph. Explained as a massive fireball, the meteorite struck the boy's hand before hitting the ground. Though not seriously injured, the impact sent the child flying and left a three-inch scar on the boy's hand and a foot-long crater in the ground.



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## CAT EARNS DIPLOMA

Oreo has always been a smart cat but did she really earn a diploma? Better Business Bureau Georgia president and CEO, Kelvin Collins, enrolled his cat Oreo into Jefferson High School Online as part of an investigation into online diploma mills. After a test and \$200 fee, Oreo was the proud recipient of her high school diploma, though Collins admits he may have helped her answer the questions.



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## COVER YOUR EARS!

Competition reached a fever pitch at Thailand's Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum where contestants from around the world competed for the title of loudest scream. The winner, Russian Sergey Savelyev rang in at 116.8 decibels, just falling short of the Guinness World Record. Though he says he was "only getting warmed up," his winning shriek was roughly as loud as an ambulance siren.

## IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE

Japanese engineer Takuo Toda captured the Guinness World Record for longest flight by a paper airplane. The plane, measuring 10 cm long and crafted from a regular sheet of folded paper stayed in the air for an astonishing 27.9 seconds. Toda now has his eyes on an even greater prize—launching a paper airplane from space!



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## LOOKING GOOD!

No ordinary doll, Barbie has held over 108 jobs including three runs at the presidency. This year the iconic children's toy celebrated her 50th birthday ... and looks better than ever! Since her introduction in 1959, over one billion Barbie dolls have been sold worldwide with no signs of stopping—100 million dolls were sold in the past year alone.



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## TERRIFYING TOILET TALES

Japanese author Koji Suzuki, famous for horror stories like the one that inspired Hollywood movie, *The Ring*, created a story to be printed on rolls of toilet paper. The nine-chapter story is set in a public restroom and can be read in just a few minutes. At approximately three feet long, each roll contains several copies, each can be read in one sitting.



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## SNUGGIE CHIC

Perhaps not the most anticipated show of New York's exclusive Fashion Week but probably the most unique was for the Snuggly™. Shown to only 20 people in a hotel room, the popular blanket with arms unveiled its new collection in basic colors, as well as bold new animal prints and a Snuggie for dogs.

## My Whatever

WHAT WERE SOME OF YOUR OTHER FAVORITE STORIES OF THE YEAR?

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## FASTEST TEXTER

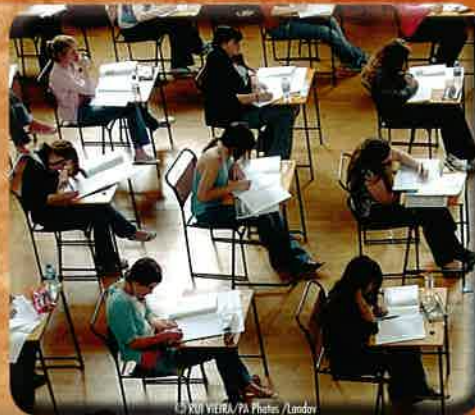
Kate Moore, 15, amazed onlookers as she won the title of National Texting Champion, beating out more than 250,000 participants to win the grand prize of \$50,000. Moore, who averages 14,000 texts a month, completed the winning phrase "Zippity Dooo Dah Zippity Ayy ... My oh MY, what a wonderful day! Plenty of sunshine Comin' my way ... ZippityDooDahZippityAyy! Wonderful feeling, Wonderful day!" with no errors in less than 60 seconds.



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## ACHIEVE THE IMPOSSIBLE

Willa Chen, 17, accomplished what all college-bound teens consider impossible—acing the PSAT, SAT, and ACT college admissions tests. According to Chen, who is a senior, she did not study much for the tests but enjoys learning and plans to attend Princeton University after high school.



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Americans eat an estimated 20 billion hot dogs each year. That's nearly 70 hot dogs per person!

## HOT DOG ACE

After eating an astonishing 68 hot dogs in 10 minutes, Joey Chestnut retained his title in the annual Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog-Eating Contest, held at Coney Island in New York. Chestnut edged out long-time rival Takeru Kobayashi by three and a half franks to take the title for the third straight year.



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## YES CAPTAIN!

A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit filed by a consumer claiming to have been deceived by the cereal, Cap 'N Crunch. After learning that Crunchberries were not real fruit and indeed sugar, the consumer sued, seeking damages for false nutritional messaging.



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## LOST AND FOUND

Sixty-three years after losing his wallet at a high school basketball game, Bill Fulton received a surprising knock on the door. Remarkably, his wallet, which still included his social security card, was returned after being recovered during the gym's renovation. Having sent his children through the same school, it's likely Bill came within feet of the missing wallet several times since its 1946 disappearance.

# AMAZING KIDS

## INTERNATIONAL YOUNG ECO-HERO AWARDS

### What happened?

Action for Nature, a nonprofit organization that encourages young people to take action to better their environments, announced its three International Young Eco-Hero award-winners. Cameron Oliver created an awareness campaign to help protect the camels in his country, what he calls "part of the world's heritage," from eating plastic litter and dying. Adeline Tiffanie Suwana created the group SAHABAT ALAM, which means "friends of nature." With over 1,700 members, the group participates in environmental activities such as planting coral reef to restore the damaged reef surrounding their island. Finally, Erik Uebelacker wrote a book called *Butterflies Shouldn't Wear Shoes* and donated the profits to the World Wildlife Fund.



### What are your eco-ideas?

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## The Eco-Hero Award Winners



Cameron Oliver, 12  
United Arab Emirates

Adaline Tiffanie Suwana, 12  
Indonesia



Erik Uebelacker, 8  
United States

## GOOD DEED KID

### What happened?

Aidan Loster, an 11-year-old boy from Canada, earned \$422 by doing chores and yard work in his neighborhood. Instead of spending the money on himself, he bought food for four underprivileged families in his community. Aidan began his effort after seeing homeless people on the streets and knew he wanted to help. After donating the food, Loster planned to get back to work—to keep earning money to help more people.



### What do you think?

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### Did you know?

Almost nine out of ten Americans are concerned about hunger in America.



Fifty-two percent said they personally know someone who has received food from a food bank or shelter this year.

# 52%



According to the 2009 Hormel Hunger Survey

### What happened?

Created in 1995, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards was developed to recognize volunteerism and community service amongst middle school and high school students. This year, ten students were recognized nationally for their efforts. One student, Sean Nathan, a 14-year-old from Louisiana was recognized for throwing birthday parties for homeless children. Inspired after a visit to a shelter, Nathan persuaded local pizza parlors to donate food, as well as contributed his own money. Each month, Sean throws a birthday bash complete with games and presents celebrating the birthdays of the four to five children whose birthdays fall in that month. Since 1995, more than 260,000 students have participated in the award program and nearly 90,000 have been officially recognized for service.



## SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

### How can you help your community?

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### What's going on around the country?

Sean made a difference in his community. Here's what's going on around the rest of the country...



# 1.5 Million

Each year 1 in 50 children experience homelessness in the U.S. That's 1.5 million children!

According to the National Center on Family Homelessness

## THIS IS ME, THIS YEAR

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

### My favorite things...

TV Show: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Store: \_\_\_\_\_

Singer/Song: \_\_\_\_\_

Actor/Actress: \_\_\_\_\_

Sports Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Movie: \_\_\_\_\_

Book: \_\_\_\_\_

### What makes my world...

My best buds are: \_\_\_\_\_

What we like to do: \_\_\_\_\_

My friends call me: \_\_\_\_\_

Best memory of the year: \_\_\_\_\_

### In my future...

I want to be: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to live in: \_\_\_\_\_

I will drive a: \_\_\_\_\_

I will have a pet: \_\_\_\_\_ named \_\_\_\_\_



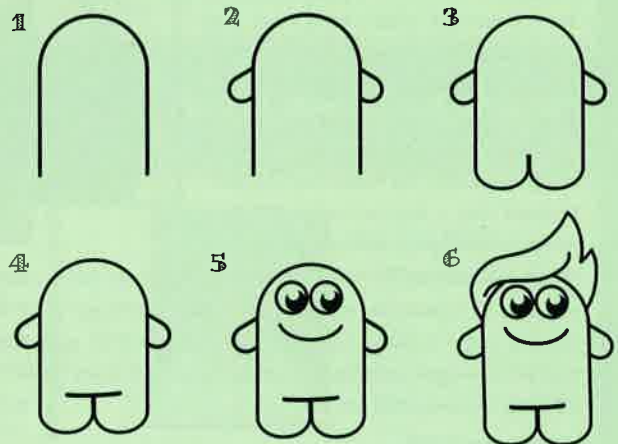
# Real Or Fake?

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?! DETERMINE IF THESE STORIES ARE REAL OR FAKE.

		REAL	FAKE
1	 The average U.S. teenager sends and receives an estimated 500 text messages a month.		
2	 Popular children's program, <i>Sesame Street</i> , recently celebrated its 40th year on the air.		
3	 Americans eat 100 acres of pizza per day.		
4	 Ashton Kutcher became the first person on Twitter to have one million followers.		
5	 In the wake of Paula Abdul's departure from <i>American Idol</i> , Miley Cyrus took over judging duties on the popular singing competition.		

# How to Draw Zoomy

FOLLOW THE ILLUSTRATIONS TO CREATE YOUR OWN ZOOMY!



Draw Your Zoomy Here



# 7th Grade



Layla Werner



Rebecca Westphal



Simone Whiteley-Allen



Ashley Whyte



Connor Williams



Terry Williams



Jason Wilson



Nathan Wojcik



Anna Wolfe



Angela Wong



Isaiah Wool

*Not Pictured:* Linh Barnes, Kahreem Brown, Lamont Carter, Adrian Lopez, Dante Mims, Korshawn Robie, Joshua Thomas, Thabita Voicu, & Jordan Wharton

# Photo Scramble

DO YOU KNOW WHO THESE FAMOUS FACES BELONG TO? THE ANSWERS ARE INSIDE ZOOM!

Hint: This young lad used his book smarts and wizardry to climb to the top of the box-office.



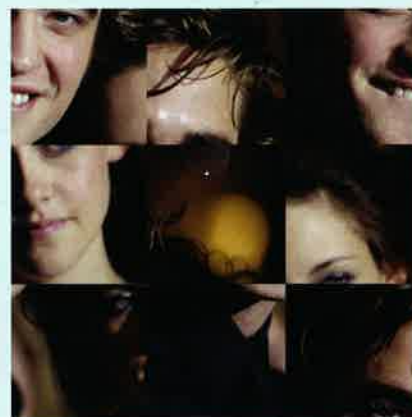
WHO IS HE?

Hint: This young country singer/songwriter swept the music award shows this year including the Video Music Awards, Country Music Awards and the American Music Awards.



WHO IS SHE?

Hint: These stars of the night were honored at the Teen Choice Awards for sinking their teeth into their roles in the popular book-turned-movie *Twilight*.



WHO ARE THEY?

ANSWERS: Real or Fake? 1) False, it's really 2,200! 2) True 3) True 4) True 5) False, it's Ellen DeGeneres! Photo Scramble: 1) Harry Potter 2) Taylor Swift 3) Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson

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Jasmine  
Abron



Deborah  
Adeoye



Demarco  
Alexander



Bria  
Allen



Christen  
Allen



Daniel  
Antman



Diana  
Arreguin



Claire  
Asher



Armon  
Austin



Diana  
Avila



Luis  
Avila



Deandre  
Baker



Alex  
Ballmer



Jania  
Banks



Maliq  
Banks



Camille  
Bates



Peter  
Bates



Erica  
Benavides



Brandon  
Bernard



Julian  
Bohannon-Smith



Faith  
Bradford



Domonya  
Brown



Michael  
Brown



Lilian  
Cabrera



Eric  
Campos-Ferris

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Katherine  
Cardenas



Laura  
Cardona



Gerald  
Castillo



Chevelle  
Clark



Curtis  
Clark



McKayla  
Coleman



Keturah  
Conyers



Aidan  
Crowe



Mark  
Curescu



Danielle  
Davis



Kamaal  
Davis



David  
Davy



Lori-Anne  
Dennis



Felicia  
Derenzo



Johanna  
Dezil



Jaqueline  
Diaz



Kadian  
Dixon



Monica  
Dougherty



Peter  
Downie



Christopher  
Dunlap-Milam



Ashley  
Edionweme



Parker  
English



Stephanie  
Erner



Kryselle  
Evangelista



David  
Fahnbulleh

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Kong-Chee  
Fan



Otilia  
Felecan



Eric  
Ferreyra



Russell  
Fillmore-Brady



Clark  
Foster



Charlotte  
Foucault



Michael  
Gabriel



Tony  
Gates



Joan  
Gibbons



Ayana  
Gordon



Jennifer  
Gray



Andrea  
Guy



Tracey  
Hardy



Richard  
Harris



Taylor  
Harris



Benjamin  
Heaney



Oisin  
Heneghan



Benjamin  
Henry



Matthew  
Henry



Melody  
Hill



Ruby  
Hunt



Jacob  
Jackson



Lorena  
Jasso



Shaquillah  
Jillye



Kyle  
Johnson

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Ry-Ann  
Johnson



Shurel  
Jordan



Brady  
Katz



Jenna  
Kerr



Theresa  
Kettler



Inayath  
Khan



Alexis  
King



Khuong  
Le



Dominique  
Lemond



Daniel  
Lenz



Jason  
Levin



Judith  
Lopez



Shanell  
Lopez



Ruby  
Macsai-Goren



Kristina  
Madlangbayan



Tristian  
Malone



Augustine  
Marfo



Al  
Martell



Anna  
Martinez



Emily  
Matherly



Deja  
McIntyre



Karina  
Melendez



Luis  
Mendoza



Ervin  
Mesaljic



Arden  
Metaliz

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Ingrid Metalitz



Tristan Metzner



Jackson Mihevc



Ridley Miscinski



Airiel Mitchell-Watson



Benjamin Moberly



Kianna Moore



Maia Moore



Armesha Morrow



Cashauna Muckleroy



Harold Myers



Doriana Norwood



Alexander Novak



Premita Oli



Taina Olivier



Diego Orozco



Lizeth Orozco



Star Paramore



Wendy Patino



Xochitl Patino



Jacob Petrosus



Channing Philbrick



Grace Phillips



Diego Ponce



Dashae Powell-Shumate

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Marlon Primous



Kayla Quarles



Jasmane Quinn



Ryan Ramirez



Sydney Ransom



Charles Ritchie



Whitcliffe Roberts



Lynette Rodriguez



Jessica Romero-Beasley



Anamaria Rosales



Graham Rosenberg



Erin Rosenfeld



Leo Rubenstein



Francisco Rueda



Daniel Sagan



Deycy Salgado



Balbuena Sanchez



Elisa Sanchez



Chantal Sanchez Coronel



Courtney Scott



Kamal Sehrawy



Jovan Slusher



Demetrius Smith



Victoria Sosa



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Melchi St Louis



Alex Stewart



Courtney Stirgus



Valeria Stutz



Jessica Tamay



Marios Tanno



Jennifer Thomas



Raven Tillett



Maalik Todd



Areli Torres



Elizabeth Urban



Caroline Vakil



Chante Vaughters



Christopher Vega



Diana Vega



Jasmin Vega



Benjamin Vergil



Katelyn Vergil



Dwayne Wade



Travis Wallace



Payton Walters



Haley Watson



Jeneen Watson



Cornelius Wells

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Caroline White



Serafina Witchard



Terrell Wright



Narobi Young



Annelise Zuckert

Not Pictured:  
Rakeem Oliphant  
Randall Peberton

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# Winter Concert



# Valentine's Day Fundraiser



# Intergenerational Program



# Advanced Classes



Advanced Music



Advanced Drama



Advanced Art



# Clubs & Activities



Stage Crew



Chorus



# Band and Orchestra



Concert Orchestra



Concert Band



Honors Band



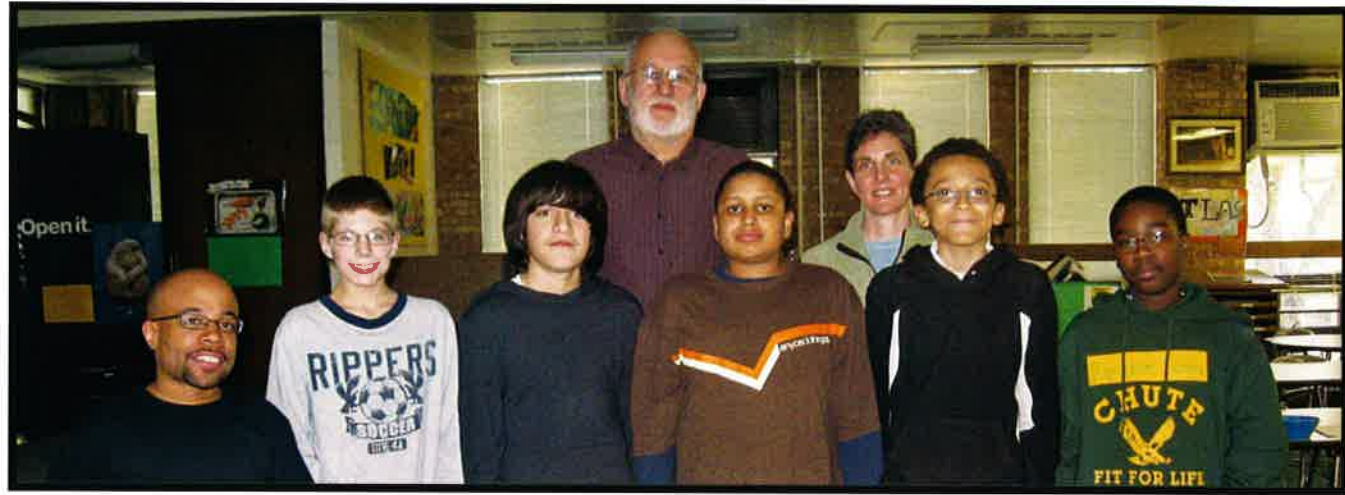
Jazz Band



Beginning Band



# Clubs & Activities



Chess Club



Environmental Club



# Clubs & Activities



CHANSE Club



Student Council

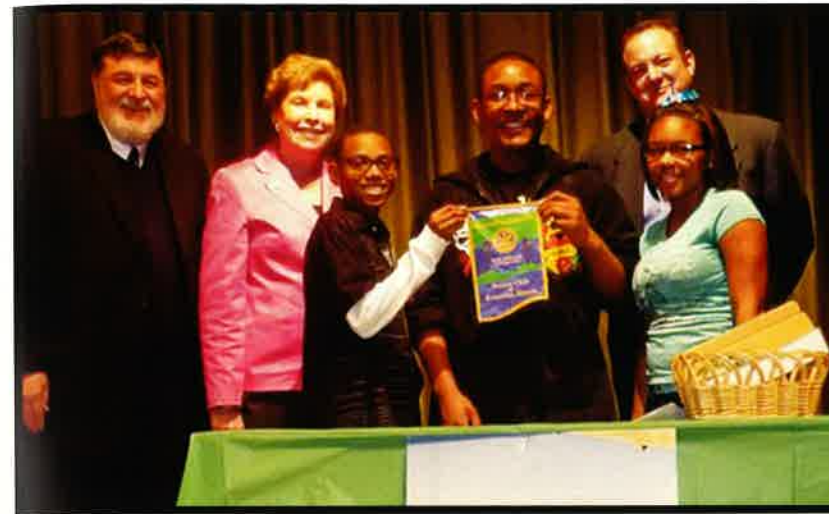


Future Problem Solvers





# High Flying Eagles



Larry Suffredin, 13th District Cook County Board of Commissioners, and Ada Khan of Evanston Rotary Club, pictured with Student Council officers and Mr. McHolland in recognition of their participation in the Shelter Box Project.



Chute High Flying Eagles received certificates and a copy of the US Constitution as they were called to the stage.

## The Chute Choice

**Be Responsible  
Be Respectful  
Be Successful**



Student Council headed up the Shelter Box Project which is sponsored by the Evanston Rotary Club. The Shelter Box Project provides victims of natural and other disasters with a tent, cook stove, water purification and other necessities. Chute raised \$1665 which was matched by the Rotary Club to provide aid to Haiti after the devastating earthquake in January 2010.



Jeffrey Brown, Chute '06  
IHSA Class 3A  
State Wrestling Champion  
Pictured with his mother,  
Ms. Fullilove  
Chute Lunchroom Supervisor

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