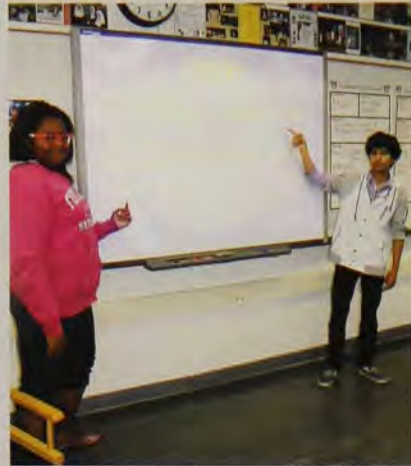


In Closing



Noel Hernandez



The Best of Times; The Worst of Times

This year my students read the novel *A Tale of Two Cities*, by Charles Dickens, and the opening words of the novel are these: "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. . . ." History teaches us that things don't change much.

This year at MHS we have seen the best of times in that our school is now a "state of the arts" high school. Our "Events Center" is the greatest in the San Gabriel Valley. Our new Science Facility is a model for what science and math facilities can provide for students who have an interest in this discipline. The Library and English classrooms were remodeled, and a Yearbook and Newspaper room were designed with complete computer labs, including software required for first-rate publications. Our Photography, Video Productions, Drama (and the newly remodeled auditorium), Music Programs, and Ceramics classes have technology and facilities that I never imagined would exist during my career.

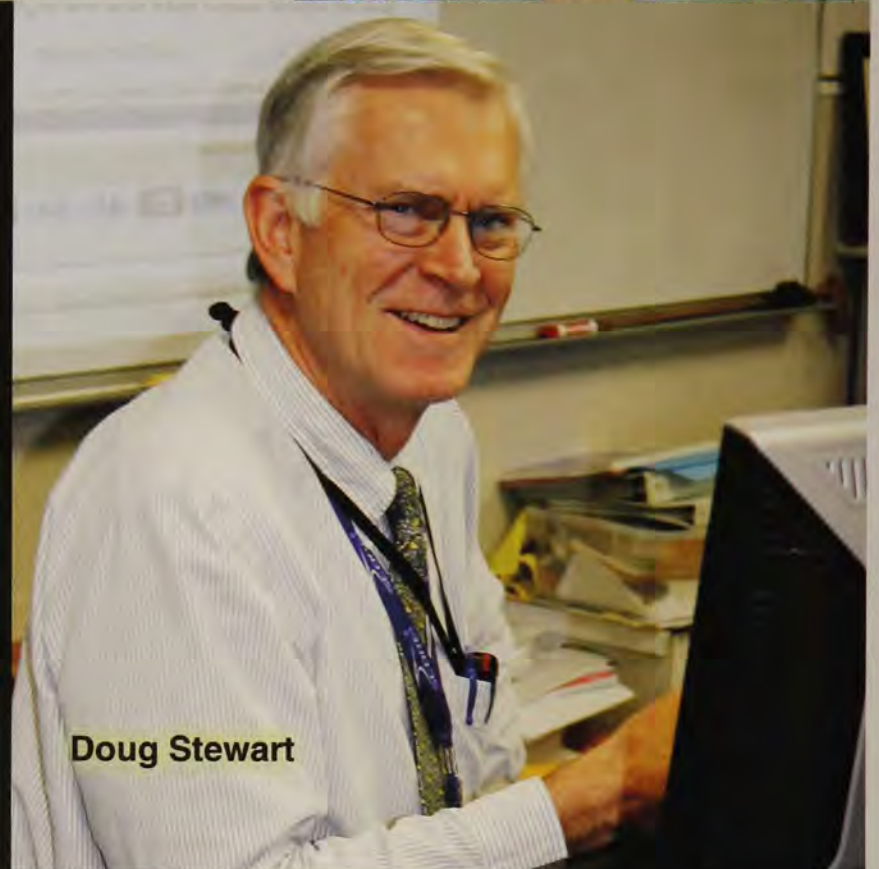
But our school has also seen the worst of times. Our school is faced with the challenges that face all California and U.S. schools. Each year, teachers are cut, because the state budget requires it. Because of these cuts we have seen the disappearance of the ROP Program, which only a blink ago was the most thriving, richest program in our school. We have also seen class sizes grow to numbers that do not make sense. Finally, teachers have also had to take a salary cut in the form of "Furlough Days"--what gives?"

It is the best of times and the worst of times, but students, parents, teachers, administrators, and community members need to see that enough is enough. Be outraged by what is happening in public schools. You can make a difference. Your vote counts; take a stand! How can we do what we are doing to our children? Stop laying off teachers and hire more teachers and increase the employment rate--a no brainer. Our future depends on our action.

And this year also marks a time when our school says good-bye to a consummate teacher, who has never failed to live his life as a teacher of science, a department leader, and a mentor voice for teachers who are now facing the most difficult times in recent history; this teacher who has devoted his life to this school is **Doug Stewart**.

Here at MHS, it is truly the best of times and the worst of times. Let us all work to create a school that can step up to the challenges that face our our most difficult challenges.

-Eric Miller
(Yearbook Adviser)



Doug Stewart

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Occupy Wall Street Occupies Headlines

Outrage over bank bailouts and foreclosures sparks a protest movement that spreads from New York's Zuccotti Park to cities across the nation.

Space Shuttle Program Ends

The nation's budget woes force NASA to cancel a 30-year program that shuttles U.S. astronauts to and from the International Space Station.

You Are One in 7 Billion

In October, the United Nations expresses concern over the planet's food supply now that the world population has reached an all-time high of 7 billion.

News



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Statue of Liberty Turns 125

Lady Liberty celebrates her 125th anniversary. To mark the occasion, 125 immigrants from 46 countries are sworn in as U.S. citizens.



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Halloween Blizzard Brings Tricky Snowfall

A surprise Nor'easter dumps record snowfalls of more than two feet in the Northeast, leaving millions stranded without power on Halloween.



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Doctor Convicted in Michael Jackson's Death

Conrad Murray, Michael Jackson's personal physician, is convicted of involuntary manslaughter for his role in the pop star's anesthetic overdose.



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New Foreclosure Relief Is Coming

The government passed a near unanimous 26 billion dollar mortgage settlement, supported by 49 of the 50 states. The settlement is geared towards those affected by the housing crash that now owe more on their houses than they're actually worth.



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Arab Spring Extends Through Fall

Middle East regimes topple with the death of Libya's Muammar Gaddafi and the ouster of Egypt's Hosni Mubarak and Tunisian dictator Zine El Abidine Ben Ali.



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Hurricane Irene Engulfs New England

Hurricane Irene unleashes torrential rains on New England, resulting in washed-out roads and swollen rivers. One woman is swept away and drowned.

AP Photo/Pier Paolo Cito



Cruise Ship Capsizes

The *Costa Concordia* runs aground off the Italian coast near the Isola del Giglio, resulting in numerous casualties.

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Death of Bin Laden Catches Nation's Attention

The United States watched as news came in about the death of Osama Bin Laden, following the Seal Team 6 raid on the terrorist leader's Pakistan compound.

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U.S. Troops Leave Iraq

The withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq ends in December, concluding eight years of war and occupation.



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Greek Economy Endangers European Stability

European nations offer bailout loans and urge austerity measures to keep the Greek debt crisis from damaging the Euro-Zone economy.



Kevin Casey/AFP/Getty Images

Amanda Knox Acquitted

Italian courts overturn the murder conviction of American college student Amanda Knox. She returns home to Seattle after serving four years in prison.



AP Photo/Havre Daily News, Nikki Carlson

Legislators Take Bullying Seriously

To address increasing concern over harassment in schools, Michigan becomes the 47th U.S. state to pass laws that are written to combat bullying.



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Obama Introduces Jobs Act

To boost the sluggish economy, President Obama presents Congress with the American Jobs Act, a bill designed to put citizens back to work.



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Navy Rescues Iranian Crew from Pirates

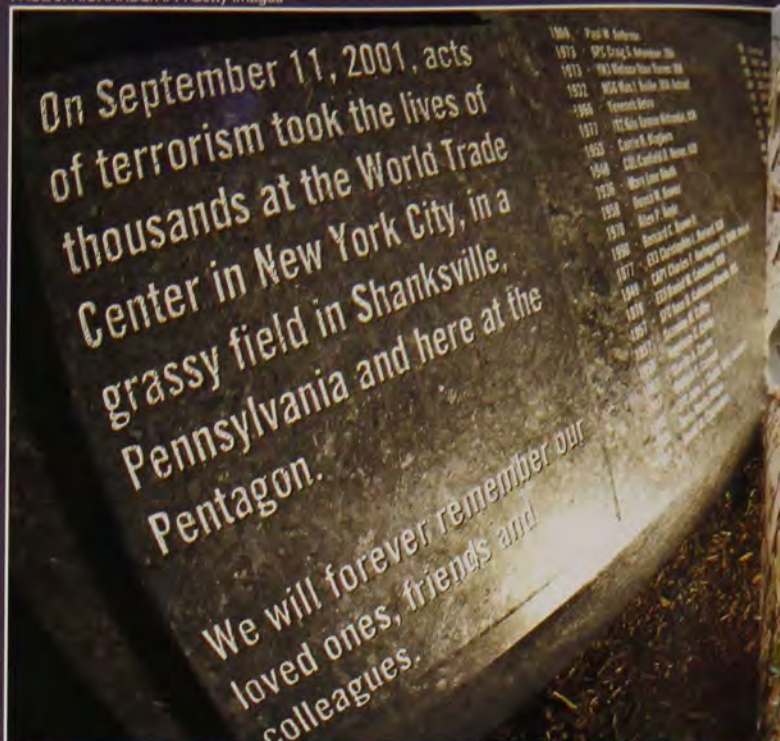
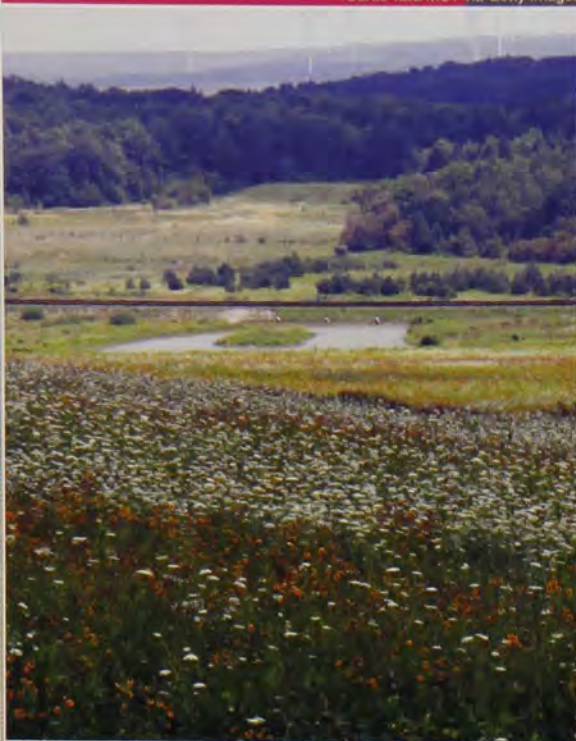
In the North Arabian Sea, the USS *Kidd*, a U.S. Navy warship, rescues the crew of an Iranian fishing boat from Somali pirates.



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Republican Hopefuls Debate

A series of nationally televised debates narrows the field as candidates vie for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination.



Pennsylvania

New York

Washington, D.C.

The Nation Remembers 9/11

On the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, memorial events are held in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

Give & Take



Sam Wenig/AP Photo

Watson Gets a Government Job

After trouncing human *Jeopardy!* champions, Watson, the IBM supercomputer, analyzes pharmaceutical patent data for the National Institutes of Health.

United States Post Office

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Post Office Posts Losses

After sustaining a record \$14.4 billion loss for its 2012 fiscal year, the U.S. Post Office asks consultants to advise them about restructuring.

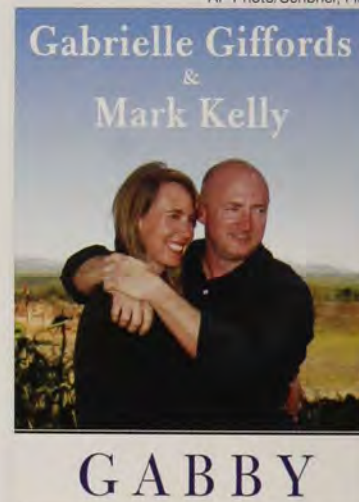
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Consumers Trash Junk Mail

Households across the nation are taking steps to reduce the paper waste of unwanted junk mail from catalog companies and advertisers.

AP Photo/Scribner, File



Gabby Giffords Pens Memoir

One year after she was shot by a would-be assassin, Representative Gabrielle Giffords and her husband publish a memoir.



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Coupon Clipping Continues

Coupons are a lifestyle trend as consumers emulate super-thrifty shoppers featured on TV shows like *Extreme Couponing* on TLC.



Jesse Treacy/The Bookery/Review AP Photo

School Buildings Go Green

States are adopting green building practices so that school buildings can save energy and use fewer resources.

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Tuscaloosa Survives Tornado

When a tornado hits the town of Tuscaloosa, these University of Alabama students seek shelter in a bathtub under a mattress.

PERSON OF THE YEAR TIME THE PROTESTER



"The Protester" Is Person of the Year

As demonstrations in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Syria, and New York make headlines, *Time* magazine names "The Protester" as 2011's Person of the Year.

Justin Sullivan/Getty Images



Steve Jobs Dies

Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, a pioneer in the personal computing and consumer electronics fields, dies at age 56 of pancreatic cancer.



AP Photo

Women Leaders Share Nobel Peace Prize

Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee, Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, and Tawakkol Karman of Yemen all receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

PARK JI-HWAN/AFP/Getty Images



New LED Lightbulbs Shine for Decades

Pricey, Energy Star-rated LED bulbs debut in stores and outshine compact fluorescent bulbs, lasting five times longer.

AP Photo/Mark Stehle



New Standards Regulate Fracking Practices

Regulators announce national anti-pollution standards to oversee the natural gas industry's practice of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking.



Lance Cpl. Emmanuel Ramos/ Marine Corps Base Quantico Public Affairs/AP Photo



YouTube Request Snags Timberlake

Corporal Kelsey de Santis successfully asks Justin Timberlake to be her date for the Marine Corps Ball by posting a video on YouTube.

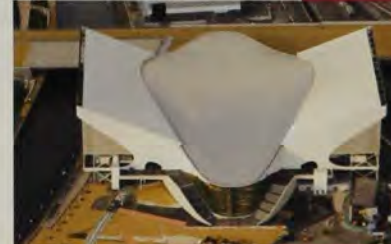


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Joplin Mall Is Makeshift School

After Missouri's Joplin High School is destroyed by a tornado, students attend class at nearby Northpark Mall.



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London Builds an Eco-savvy Olympic Park

Green building practices transform former industrial land into London's Olympic Park for the 2012 Summer Games.



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Airlines Fly Toward Greener Fuels

Seeking to decrease greenhouse gas emissions and shrink their carbon footprint, passenger jets are starting to switch to new bio-fuels.

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Boston Bruins Bear Down

Following their first Stanley Cup win in 39 years, the Boston Bruins keep the momentum going strong with a solid 2011-2012 season.

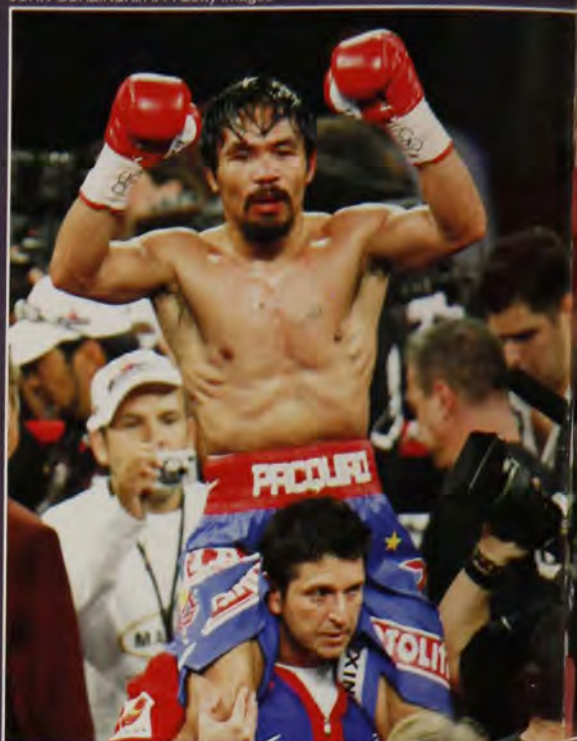
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Skaters Gather in Brazil

Lincoln Ueda, Tony Hawk and other world-class skateboarders headline a "Jump" festival at Ibirapuera gym in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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Manny Pacquiao Holds His Title

In Las Vegas, WBO Welterweight champ Manny Pacquiao successfully defends his title against Juan Manuel Márquez.

Sports



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Teen Is Youngest LPGA Tour Winner

Lexi Thompson, age 16, wins her first LPGA tournament, the Navistar LPGA Classic, making her the youngest winner in the history of the LPGA Tour.



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St. Louis Cardinals Win World Series

With a win over the Texas Rangers in seven games, the St. Louis Cardinals take home their 11th World Series victory.



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Basketball Players End Strike

The 2011 NBA lockout ends as basketball team owners and players strike a deal. The start of the season is delayed until Christmas.



Mark Cunningham/MLB Photos/Getty Images

Verlander Receives Cy Young Award

Justin Verlander of the Detroit Tigers is American League MVP and winner of the 2011 Cy Young Award.

AP Kevin Terrell



Talking Tebow

Sports announcers and fans debate over Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow, an athlete who wears his faith on the sleeve of his football jersey.

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Minnesota Lynx Net WNBA Championship

The Minnesota Lynx defeat the Atlanta Dream in three games to claim their first-ever WNBA championship.

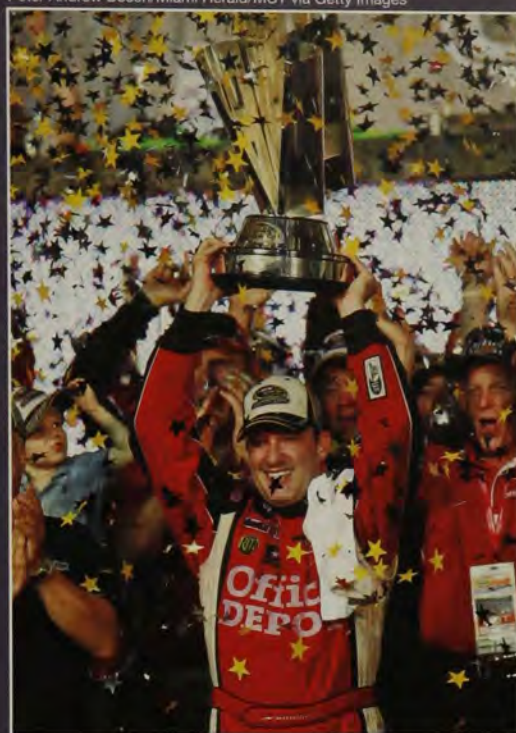
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First Lady Gets a Kick Out of Fitness

Members of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team join Michelle Obama for a Let's Move soccer clinic on the south lawn of the White House.

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Tony Stewart Races to NASCAR Victory

In the season's final race of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series at Homestead-Miami Speedway, Stewart edges out Carl Edwards in a tiebreaker.

Mike Stobe/Getty Images for USTA



Stosur Wins U.S. Open

Australian tennis player Samantha Stosur defeats Serena Williams to win the women's singles championship at the U.S. Open.

AP Photo/Kelly Kline



Baylor Gets Its First Heisman Winner

Robert Griffin III, starting quarterback for the Baylor University Bears, is named the winner of the Heisman Trophy award.



JoePa Loses His Battle with Lung Cancer

Joe Paterno, the beloved college football coach who led the Penn State Nittany Lions to a record-breaking 409 victories, dies at age 85.

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Sports Illustrated Honors Coaches

The Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Year awards go to college basketball coaches Pat Summitt and Mike Krzyzewski.



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New York Wins Super Bowl Trophy

Eli Manning leads the New York Giants to their fourth Super Bowl triumph, narrowly defeating the New England Patriots 21 to 17.



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Dallas Mavericks Beat the Heat

The Dallas Mavericks ice the Miami Heat dream team and LeBron James by winning the 2011 NBA World Championship in Game 6.

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Women Gymnasts Garner Gold

The U.S. women's team brings home gold medals from the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Tokyo.

Kirstin Scholtz/Contributor/Getty Images



Kelly Slater Rules the Waves

By winning top honors at the Billabong Pro Tahiti competition, surfer Kelly Slater captures his 47th elite World Tour victory.



Usher on the Upswing

Usher wins the AMA Favorite Male Artist award, performs with Justin Bieber for NBC's *Christmas in Rockefeller Center* and reunites with Ludacris.



Katy Perry Stays on Top

Katy Perry is the year's most-played artist on the radio, with five Number One singles. She sells two million albums and 24 million digital downloads.



The Rising Star, Bruno Mars

Singer-songwriter Bruno Mars receives six Grammy nominations, an AMA Award for best Pop/Rock Male Artist, and sings with the Muppets on *Sesame Street*.

Music



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Kanye's Lucky Seven

Hip-hop superstar and producer Kanye West receives a total of seven 2012 Grammy nominations, more than any other artist for the season.



Mark Humphrey/AP Photo

Lady A. Owns the Night

Nashville's Lady Antebellum hits the country charts with "Just a Kiss," from their third studio album, *Own the Night*.



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Adele Turns 21

Despite vocal cord trouble that forces her to suspend touring, Adele is Billboard's Number One artist of 2011 and her album, *21*, is the year's top seller.



George Rose/Getty Images

Whitney Houston Dies at Age 48

The music industry and fans alike were stunned about the death of music icon, Whitney Houston. Her body was found unresponsive on Saturday, February 11th in her Los Angeles hotel room.



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Hot Chelle Rae Is Getting Hotter

Hot Chelle Rae signs with RCA, wins a Best New Artist award from the American Music Association and releases the band's second album, *Whatever*.

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Press Association/AP Images



Jennifer Lopez Goes Solo

After the tabloids cover her split from husband Marc Anthony, Jennifer Lopez wins a Favorite Latin Artist Award from the American Music Awards.



Coldplay Plays It Cool

Coldplay releases its fifth album, *Mylo Xyloto*, and streams a concert in Spain as a live webcast on YouTube.



Gaga Visits Obama

Lady Gaga drops in on President Obama to lend her support to his anti-bullying campaign, according to a White House senior advisor's blog.

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Maroon 5 Moves Like Winners

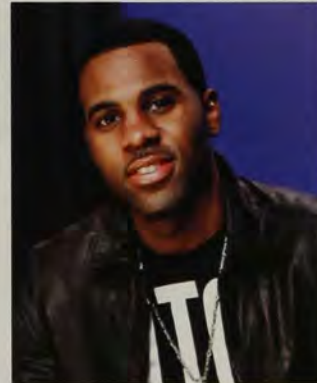
Maroon 5 wins an AMA Pop/Rock Favorite Band award. The cast of *Glee* covers the band's hit single, "Moves Like Jagger."

Frederick Breedon IV/FilmMagic



Taylor Made Good

Singer-songwriter Taylor Swift releases her *Speak Now World Tour: Live* album and is named CMA Entertainer of the Year.



Jason Derulo Recovers from Fracture

Singer-songwriter Jason Derulo lands in the hospital and cancels a planned UK tour after fracturing his neck while rehearsing acrobatic stage moves.

Richard Drew/AP Photo



The Merry Band Perry

Siblings Kimberly, Neil, and Reid Perry of The Band Perry celebrate a Platinum album, three CMA Awards and a Grammy nomination.

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Natalie Grant Gets Grammy Nod

Singer Natalie Grant receives a Grammy nomination for Best Gospel/Contemporary Christian Music Performance, for "Alive (Mary Magdalene)."



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Casting Crowns Hit the Town

The acclaimed contemporary Christian rock group, Casting Crowns, launches a tour to promote its latest album, *Come to the Well*.



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Foster the People Pumps Up

More than a year after the catchy single's release, "Pumped Up Kicks," by Foster the People, finally reaches the top of the singles chart.



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Polaroid Pictures to Go

The Pogo instant digital camera from Polaroid prints its own snapshots to share in less than a minute.



Call of Duty Earns \$400 Million

The debut of *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3* is the most successful game launch in history, according to Activision Blizzard, Inc.



No Glasses Required for Nintendo "3DS"

The newest Nintendo 3DS device features a no-glasses 3D screen and allows players to record 3D video footage.

Entertainment



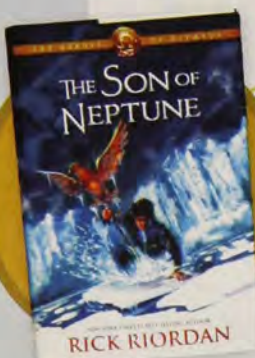
Super Mario 3D Land Conquers a New Dimension

Developed for the Nintendo 3DS, *Super Mario 3D Land* receives rave reviews for its addictive 3D experience.



Angry Birds Goes Mobile

The humorous and addictive computer game, *Angry Birds*, is one of the most successful mobile apps in the world.



Readers Welcome The Son of Neptune

Troubled teenage demigod Percy Jackson returns for more adventure in the second book of the *Heroes of Olympus* series.



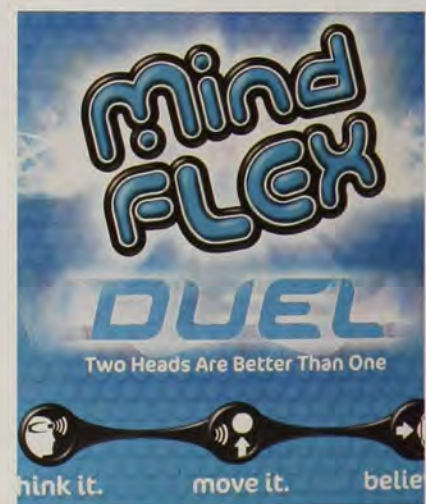
Just Dance 3 Steps Out

Ubisoft releases *Just Dance 3*, featuring singles by Katy Perry, Cee Lo Green, Britney Spears, Scissor Sisters, and The Black Eyed Peas.



Madden NFL 12 Scores Big

EA Sports adds non-NFL players like female quarterback Hope Bromley to the free agents in *Madden NFL 12*, the newest edition of the popular video game.



Mindflex Duel Is a Brainy Game

Mindflex Duel players wear special, brain wave-sensing headsets to steer foam balls through the air and around obstacles.

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More Bang for the Buck

The Big Bang Theory, a popular sitcom about geeky research scientists and the women in their lives, is in its fifth season.



Missing Michael at the Office

Critics and fans tune into the eighth season of *The Office* to see how the ensemble cast fares after the departure of star Steve Carrell.



Bewitching Teens Cast a Spell

When Cassie Blake moves to a small town in Washington State, the teen is invited to join a coven of witches in *The Secret Circle*.

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Victors in Storage Wars

In southern California, abandoned storage lockers are sold at auction to competing buyers who hope to find hidden treasure in *Storage Wars* on A&E.



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X Marks The Spot

Simon Cowell is set to kick off season two of the U.S. version of the *X-Factor*. This year's competition will feature new judges to replace Paula Abdul and Nicole Sherzinger, as well as a new host.

Television



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NBC Finds Its Voice

Christina Aguilera, Cee Lo Green, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton compete to coach unknown singers to victory in the reality talent show, *The Voice*.



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Big Stars on Small Screen

Mike & Molly, a sitcom about an obese couple who start dating after they meet at an Overeaters Anonymous meeting, is in its second season.



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Vermin, Beware

An eccentric Louisiana exterminator works the front lines of his family business in the reality show *Billy the Exterminator*.

CBS Captures Viewers Interest

A mysterious billionaire scientist hires a former CIA officer to help him prevent crimes before they occur. The crime drama, *Person of Interest*, is a hit for CBS.



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Playing the Pawn

The History Channel has a hit with *Pawn Stars*, featuring the Harrison family and selected treasures from their Las Vegas pawn shop.

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Lionsgate Releases *The Hunger Games*

Jennifer Lawrence and Woody Harrelson star in *The Hunger Games*, a film adaptation of the popular science fiction novel.



A Winning Season

Brad Pitt and Jonah Hill star in *Moneyball*, based on the true story of the Oakland Athletics' record-breaking 2002 season.



A Dark and Stormy Knight

Batman (Christian Bale) returns to Gotham to uncover the truth about Selina Kyle (Anne Hathaway) in *The Dark Knight Rises*.

Movies



The Boys Are Back

Robert Downey, Jr. and Jude Law return as Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in Guy Ritchie's *Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows*.

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Harry Potter Series Finale on Home Video

After inspiring moviegoers to camp out for the first midnight showings, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2* comes to home video.

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Agent J Returns

Josh Brolin joins Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones and some seriously sinister aliens in the long-awaited science fiction comedy sequel, *Men in Black 3*.

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Chronicle Flies into Theaters

Three students discover they have superpowers far beyond their understanding. As their powers grow, so does their dark side to use them to their advantage. Their lives take unexpected turns as they try to deal with the unexplainable changes.

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War Horse Sells Tickets and Tissues

When a boy's beloved thoroughbred is sold to an Army captain on the eve of World War I, a deeply moving drama is set in motion in *War Horse*.

The Revenge of the 99 Percent

When the boss squanders their retirement savings, the little people get even. Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy star in the crime comedy, *Tower Heist*.

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Animal House

Matt Damon stars as a well-meaning widower who brings his young children to live in a run-down zoo in *We Bought a Zoo*.

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Make Some Noise

Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton star in *Joyful Noise*, about conflicts within a Georgia church choir as the group prepares for a national competition.

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Breaking Dawn Breaks Records

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1, the fourth installment in the series, earns \$500 million in its first 12 days in theaters.

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A Boy and His Dog

Steven Spielberg and Peter Jackson collaborate on the dazzling 3-D, performance-capture film, *The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn*.

AP Photo/ Frank Connor, Disney Enterprises



Live Action Adventure Is Out of This World

Disney delights sci-fi fans with *John Carter*, which chronicles the adventures of a Confederate captain who is drawn into conflict on another planet.

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Superheroes Save the World

A cast of superstars portray Marvel Comics superheroes recruited to battle an evil villain and his army in the theatrical release, *The Avengers*.

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The Help Is a Hit

In the early 1960s, an idealistic, Caucasian writer wants to write about the struggles of the African-American maids who serve her peers in *The Help*.



Heartstrings in Hawaii

George Clooney plays Matt King, who loses his wife but keeps his land and draws closer to his two young daughters in *The Descendants*.

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Super 8 Is Super Spooky

After teens witness a train accident in a small Ohio town, strange occurrences lead to extraterrestrial suspense in *Super 8*.



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Hoodies Are Classic Casuals

Comfortable, cozy and laid-back hoodie sweatshirts convey an easygoing attitude toward style.

Equestrian Style Steps Out

The classic, English-style riding boot, worn with skirts or tucked-in skinny jeans, is one of the strongest footwear trends for fall and winter.

Slaven Vlasic/Getty Images for Pandora



Pandora Opens Beaded Bracelet Craze

Pandora charm bracelets from Denmark bring design-your-own style and sparkling self-expression to the jewelry store.

Trends



From Locker Room to Classroom

As temperatures drop, comfortable, cozy, high-performance sweat pants make the leap from gym class to everywhere-wear.



Energy Drinks as Teen Fuel Both Popular and Controversial

The caffeine and sugar in popular but controversial energy drinks fuel teens to help stay awake for late-night study sessions and socializing.



Cardigans Go Retro

A modern adaptation of the mid-century classic cardigan adds an extra layer of color, warmth, and style.



Aviator Shades Are Retro Chic

A new generation embraces the iconic shades of the 1970s. Metal-rimmed, aviator-style sunglasses make a stylish comeback.



Shaggy Chic

Tall, fringed suede boots add a touch of irreverent, hippie chic to short skirts, leggings, or tucked-in jeans.

Layers Make the Look

Layering is one of the strongest trends for fall and winter. Mixing textures and lengths, like a cropped jacket over a long top, creates looks that are both cozy and cool.



Mismatched Socks Are No Accident

Bending the rules is always in style. Students express their creativity by mixing brightly colored, patterned, mismatched socks.



The Time Is Right for the Neon Watch

One of the must-have accessories for both guys and girls is a big, chunky watch in bright, neon hue.



Stepping Out in Ballet Flats

Cute, comfortable, versatile ballet flats go with just about everything from school outfits to party attire.



Yogurt Goes Greek

Greek-style yogurt, which is creamier and less sour than ordinary yogurt, adds more delicious options to the dairy case.



Nail Polish Crackles

Ordinary manicures get contrast, color and texture with special, crackle-effect topcoat formulas.

Boy Style

Whether they're boot cut, skinny or loose fit, jeans are still the focus of today's style. Just throw on your favorite tee or hoodie and you're good to go!



Music Goes to Your Head

Dr. Dre introduces high-performance, over-ear headphones that cancel outside noise and enhance the listening experience.



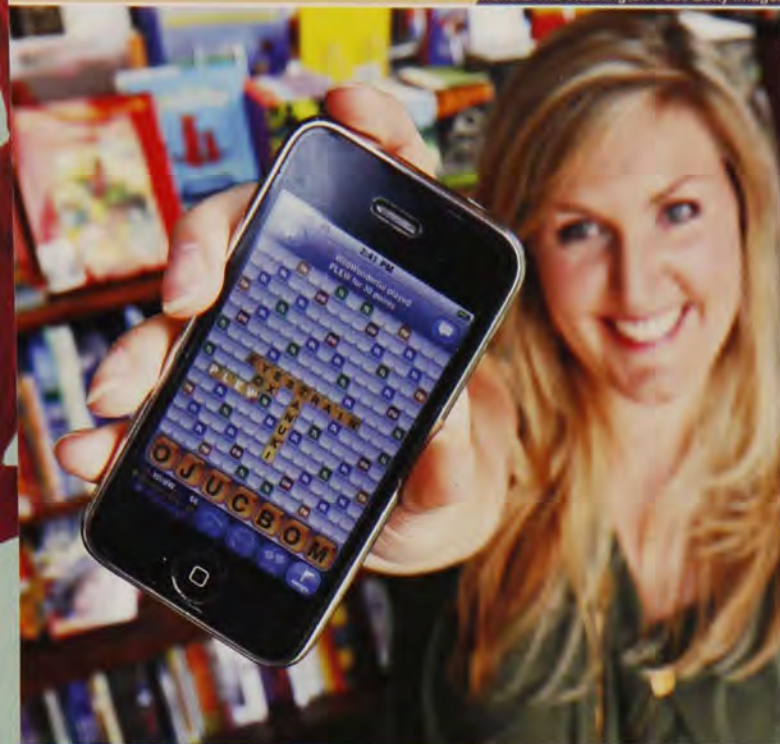
Faux Is a Go

The posh look and plush feel of faux fur inspires designers to go wild. Fabulous faux jackets, vests, collars and accessories are hot — and warm.

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Smartphone Users Love Wordplay

The number-one mobile word game is Zynga's addictive "Words with Friends," a cross-platform challenge for friends and strangers.

Moviegoers Stay Home With Netflix

Netflix, a popular online movie rental service, delivers new flicks to home screens via instant streaming and discs in the mail.

Oprah Moves On

Oprah Winfrey airs the final episode of her daytime television talk show after 25 seasons. The hour attracts 16.4 million viewers.

Lifestyle



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Nike Makes It Personal

Online custom build-it functionality allows consumers to design their own Nike ID footwear, by specifying colors and performance features.



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Walt Disney World Celebrates 40th Anniversary

The Walt Disney World Resort turns 40. The celebration at Magic Kingdom Park includes fireworks and a mass sing-along of "When You Wish Upon a Star."



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Facebook Makes It Easier to Go Back in Time.

Facebook introduced its newest development, the Timeline this year. The recent change allows users to easily view everything from past photos, wall posts and status updates from any year they were subscribed to Facebook.



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Kardashian Sisters Build Reality Show Empire

Between Kim's 72-day marriage, Kourtney's second pregnancy, and various scandals, the media can't resist covering the Kardashians' every move.



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Tablet Computing Trends Upward

The tablet computing craze is going strong. Consumers can't resist the Apple iPad 2, as well as competitors like the Kindle Fire and the Transformer Prime.



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Apple iPhone 4S Launches

Apple unveils the iPhone 4S, which features an 8-megapixel camera and the same dual-core chip as the iPad.



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