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Our Story  
2012

Threshold







# CLASS of

# 2012



# A Message from the President

## President Joseph Moore



Dear Threshold Graduates,

Your graduation is a special occasion. On this day, you, your family and all of us at Lesley University take a pause from our usual routines to celebrate what you've accomplished during your time in the Threshold Program. This includes your learning, your decision-making, your work ethic, your friendships, and your sense of independence.

In most academic communities, students learn a lot from their faculty, and I know that you have had this experience. However, in a truly vibrant academic community, students also learn from one another, and faculty and staff also learn from students. This is one of the very special characteristics of the Threshold Program. We are all learners and teachers and you've been an important part of that process, not just within the Threshold Program but across the university.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know many of you in recent years at Saturday morning basketball, at special events, in the dining hall or on the quad before one of your classes. I feel privileged to join your families in expressing admiration for your accomplishments and enthusiasm for what you will accomplish in the years to come. Your time at Lesley University has prepared you for the future.

Graduation is a celebration of the past and what you have done; however, it is also a celebration of your future and what you will do. You have most of your life ahead of you, with all the surprises, joys and challenges that life holds for any of us. We know that you have the ability to continue to learn, to work, to make important decisions, to begin new friendships and to develop even further your own form of independence. You will continue to realize the positive impact you have on others, the lives you touch, and how important you are.

For almost thirty years, the Threshold Program has been a vital part of Lesley University. You and all the Threshold students who preceded you are also an important part of Lesley. Please remember that wherever you may live, and whatever you may do, you will always be a member of our community.

May you continue to grow and learn, experience joy and satisfaction at each stage of your life, and have friendships that provide support in tough times and the opportunity to share in good times. Congratulations and very best wishes --

Joseph B. Moore - President, Lesley University

# The Threshold Administration

Jim Wilbur  
Director



Helen McDonald  
Director of Admissions  
Assistant Director



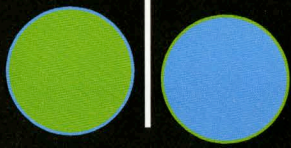
To the Graduating Class of 2012---

We will always remember with pride the many accomplishments each of you has made at Threshold. You have met many new challenges the past two years head-on and have triumphed beautifully.

It is our wish that you continue to strive and learn all that you can, always looking ahead to a rich and fulfilling life. Congratulations to each of you. It has been an enormous pleasure teaching and knowing you.

The Threshold Administration and Staff





# Threshold Faculty



*Laura Braga*  
Study Lab Instructor



*Beth Chambers*  
Counseling Psychology Intern



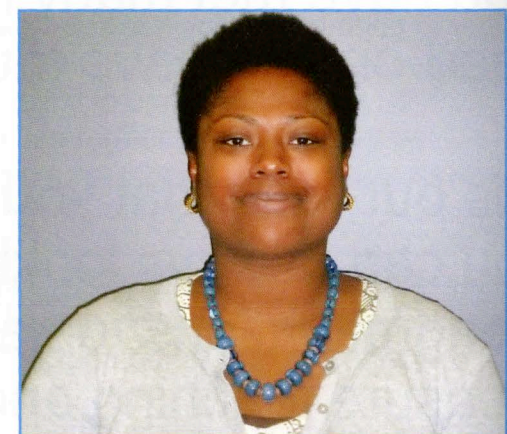
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Consumer Education Instructor



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Yearbook Coordinator  
Study Lab Instructor

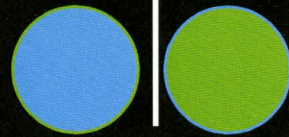


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# Threshold Faculty



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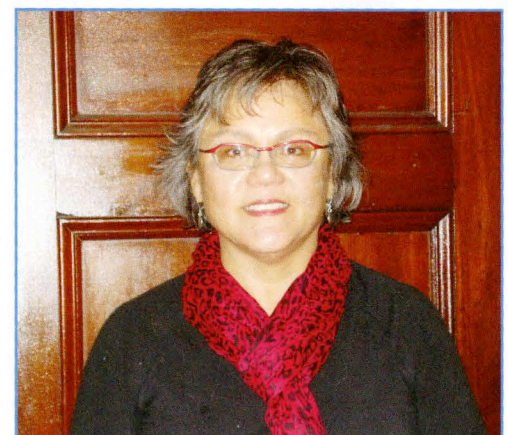
*Karin Freed*  
Graduate Resident Assistant  
Creative Improvisation Instructor



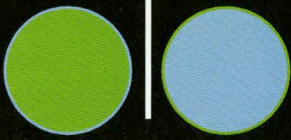
*Cara Gorham*  
Director of Resident Life and  
Student Services  
Healthy Relationships Instructor



*Hector Fuentes*  
Job Placement Specialist



*Cheryl Haug*  
Fitness Instructor



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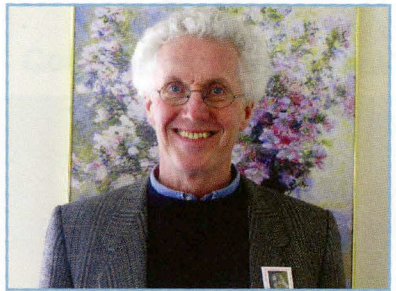
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*Marcia Mishley*  
Business and Support Services  
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*Leslie Macone*  
Business and Support Services  
Instructor



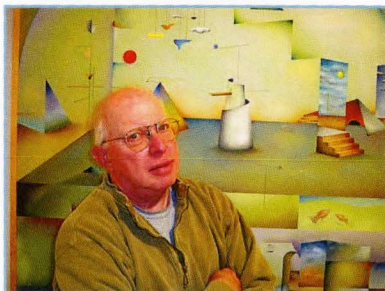
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Director of Transition and Bridge Year

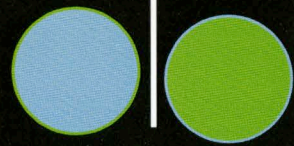


*Jeff Melzack*  
Creative Arts Instructor



*Carole Noveck*  
Life Skills Instructor  
Coordinator of Bridge Year Curriculum

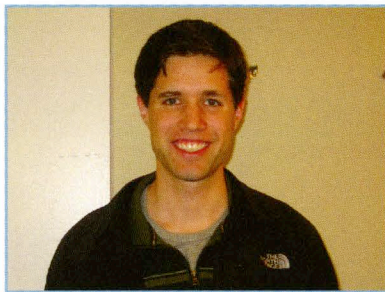
# Threshold Faculty



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Early Childhood Instructor



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Creative Writing Instructor



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Graduate Resident Assistant



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Expressive Therapies Intern



*Jill Schreider*  
Graduate Resident Assistant



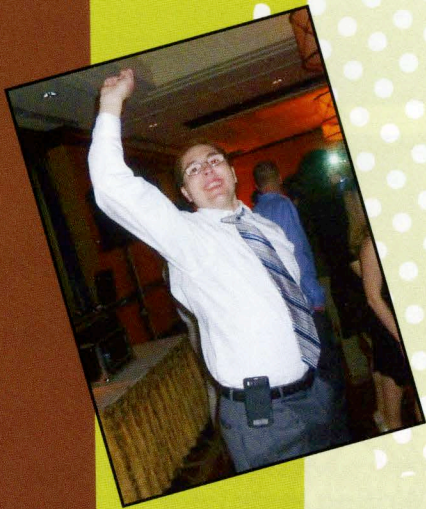
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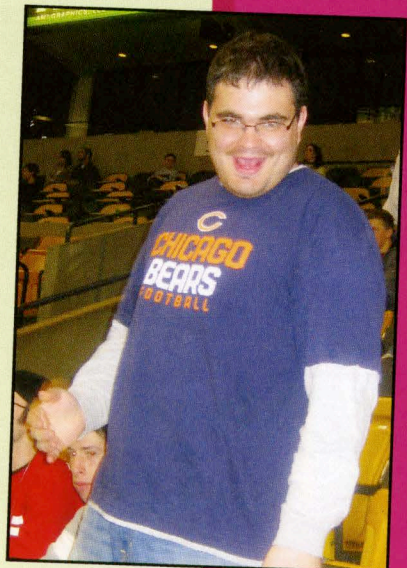
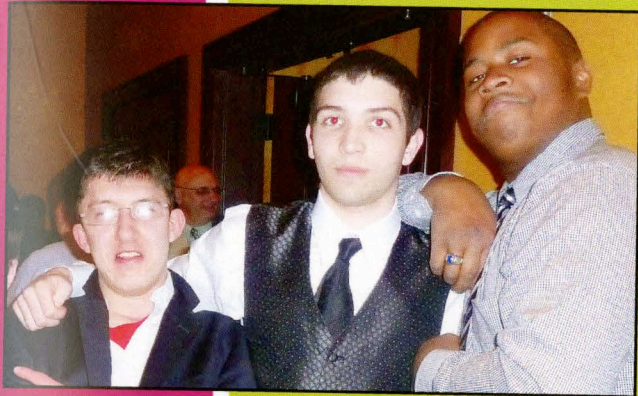


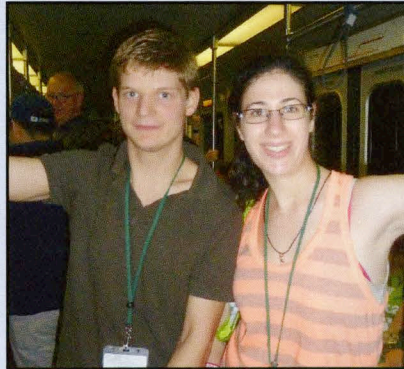
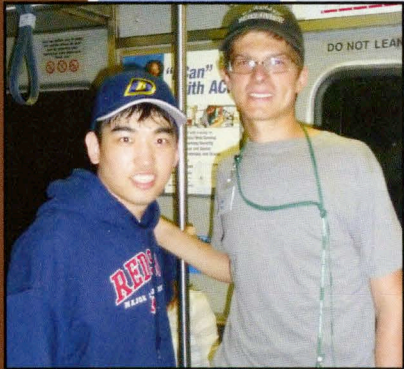
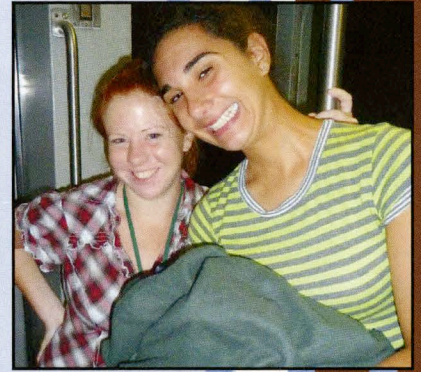
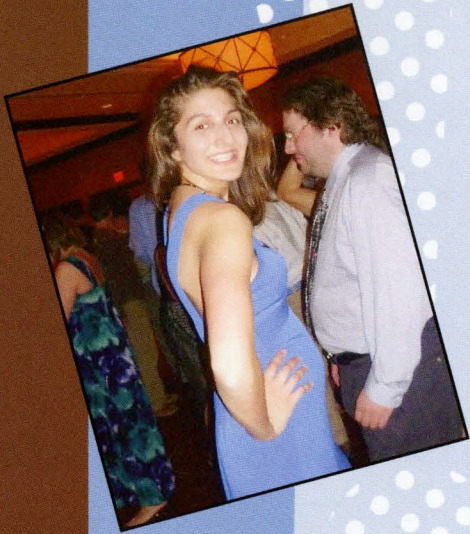
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Program Manager

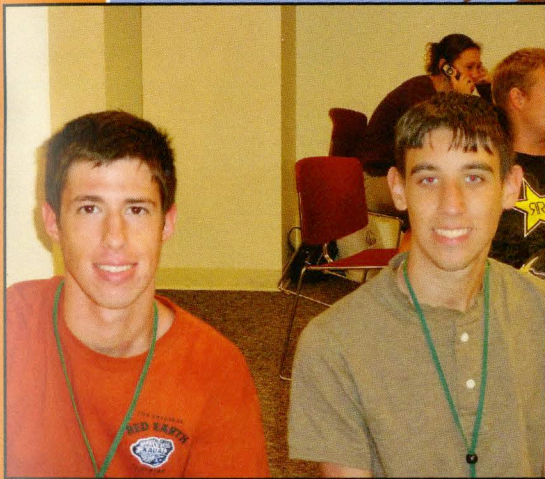


*Fran Yuan*  
Independent Living Skills Instructor









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# **Nate Borstel**

## **Medway, MA**

My favorite part of Threshold was meeting new people. I have made a lot of new friends at Threshold. Being in this program has been a good experience. I hope to keep in touch with my friends at Threshold. I want to wish everyone in the Class of 2012 good luck.



# **Jonah Cornett**

## **Greensboro, NC**

I enjoyed living in Boston. I really liked being able to use the subway. All of my teachers here were very helpful and nice. I enjoyed doing the fun activities on the weekends that Threshold and Lesley College offer. I am going to miss the teachers and my friends when I graduate. Threshold has taught me the skills of how to live on my own. I would like to say thank you to all my teachers for all your help over the last two years, I will miss you all next year.

Congratulations to all my friends in the Class of 2012!



# **Paul Coskie**

## **Upton, MA**

This place has been just like one of those great movies. The problem is, no matter how great the movie may be, after the show, everybody leaves. I think we will all get over this problem fairly quickly.



# **Carly DiMango**

## **Easton, CT**

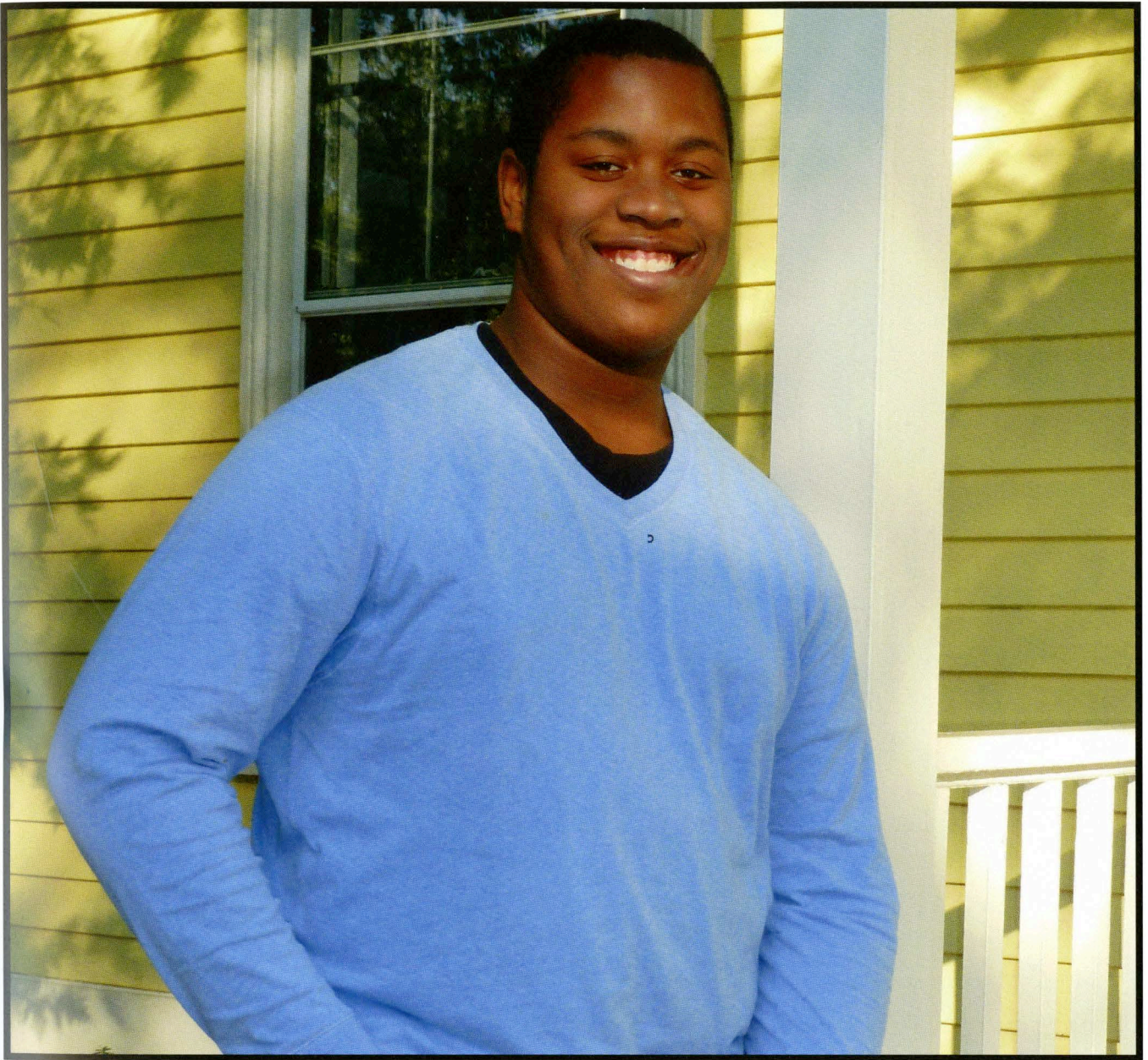
I remember how nervous I was at the interview and when I first came to Threshold. After the first couple of days I started feeling at home. Threshold has taught me about what I want to do when I get home and I want to be independent in my home state. Congratulations to the Class of 2012.



# **Jake Hemmers**

## **New Canaan, CT**

I was very happy when I found out I got into Threshold. I had a lot of fun these past two years. I have made a lot of new friends. Threshold has taught me how to live on my own. I really enjoyed hanging out with my friends in the dorms and going out into the city. I will miss this program, it taught me a lot. Congratulations to the Class of 2012!



# **Josh James**

## **Washington, DC**

This program has helped me to become more independent in living on my own away from my parents. I learned to advocate for myself even though I have a disability. I gained more knowledge from the classes that I took in this program. I made a lot of friends here at Threshold. I learned my way around Cambridge and how to use the subway. Congratulations Class of 2012.



# **Tema Lanzikos**

## **Beverly Farms, MA**

The experience I gained from the Threshold Program would be learning how different we are but yet again how bright and golden hearted we become at the end of the road. I learned that if a child has a learning disability it doesn't mean they are dumb it means that they learn differently. I wanted to say a big thanks to all teachers who helped me through this year. Also, a special thanks to my parents. Mom and Dad, I appreciate everything you have done for me :)



# **Patrick O'Brien**

## **Chestnut Hill, MA**

I was proud when I got accepted. I thought I wasn't going to get in but when my interview was over my parents told me I got in and I was so happy. Since I have been at Threshold, I have enjoyed hanging out with Transition and Alumni Students. I would like to thank Hunter and Devin for helping me make friends in the program. Jim is a great person; I could go to him with any problems. I am excited to graduate and would like to congratulate everyone in my class.





# **Byran Oppenheimer**

## **Naperville, IL**

When I was accepted to Threshold, I was going through a hard time. I didn't really know anything about this program before I came here. Being in this program and telling everyone what I have been through has helped a lot. My first year was rough but my second year has been going much better. Threshold has taught me to be more independent. I will be able to use the skills I have been taught at Threshold in the real world. I would like to thank all my family, friends, and staff here at Threshold for helping me push through. I would like to thank my mom for pushing me to get an education and to stay in school.



# **Dan Palmison**

## **Plymouth, NH**

What I learned at Threshold is to be independent, meeting new people, and accepting my learning challenge wherever I go in life. I'm thankful for all the teachers that helped me through last year and this year. Also, thanks to my parents for always believing in me and that I can succeed in whatever I choose to do in life.



# **Adam Parks**

## **Mashpee, MA**

My experience here at Threshold was kind of scary at first because I didn't really know anybody and I was kind of shy at first as well. After a few weeks of being here, I started meeting people and I made a lot of really good friends and I would like to thank Courtney Jameson, Carly DiMango, Joanh Cornett, Ryan Spencer, Paul Coskie, Patrick O'Brien, Michael Vergara, and Erin Sweet for all being here for me.

I want to thank my mom and Frank for both supporting me while up here. The best part of Threshold was I loved to travel on the subway and going out to find news reporters/anchors either in Boston or Cambridge. I loved all my classes both first and second year.



# **Jack Savas**

## **Bernardsville, NJ**

When I first came to Threshold, I felt very nervous and scared. When I got to Threshold and made a lot of friends I was much happier. Threshold has changed my personality. I am happier here because I have lots of friends. I am going to miss hanging out on campus and around the Boston area. I would like to thank Jim and Helen for accepting me into this program. Congratulations to all my friends who are graduating, good luck in the future!



# Ryan Spencer

## Wynnewood, PA

Coming to Threshold has helped me to grow by allowing me to make new friends and to experience new things. I learned to get around the Boston-Cambridge area on public transportation and this opened up a whole new world for me. I have been able to enjoy many things that the area has to offer, including local college and professional sporting events. This year I even had a chance to organize some group outings with other students who share my interest in local college sports. I also enjoy spending time in the Lesley Fitness Center.

One of my favorite activities has been going out to breakfast on Sunday Mornings with other students in the Brunch Club. I have made some special friends here at Threshold and I hope we will remain in touch.



# **Michael Vergara**

## **Newton, NJ**

This year has been a lot of fun for me. I really liked making new friends with the entire Lesley Community. This year I was able to do a lot of fun activities like basketball and many more. I would like to thank my parents and teachers for helping me get to the place I am. Congratulations to my fellow classmates!

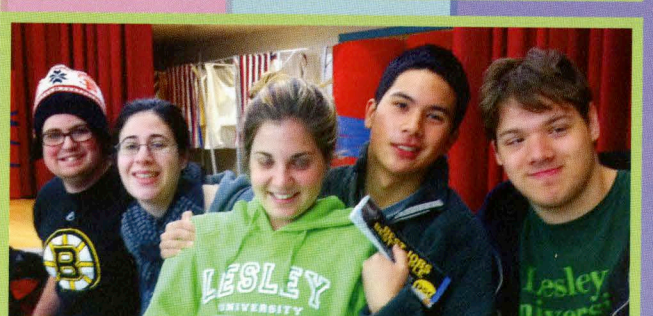
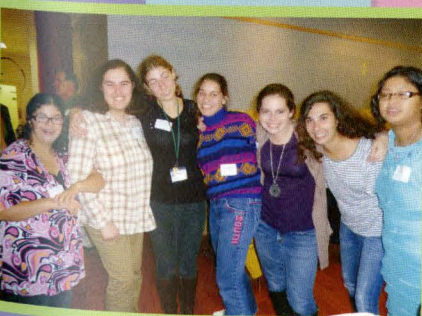
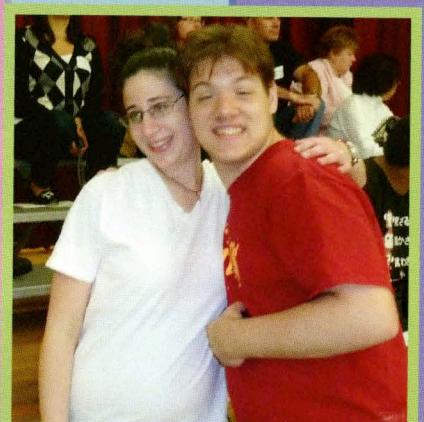
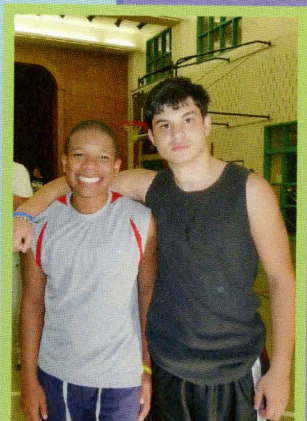
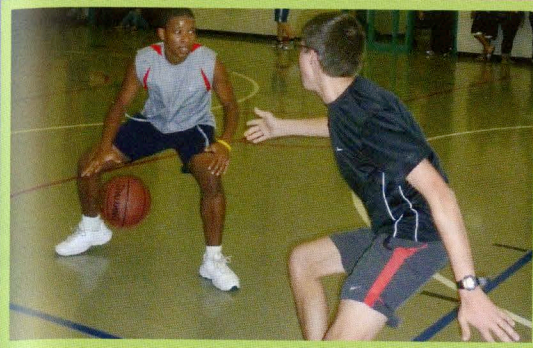


# **Chelsea Woolsey**

## **Tuscon, AZ**

When I first started at Lesley, I wasn't sure of my surroundings. I was saying to myself, and my parents, and everyone, how much I didn't want to return for a second year. But during my second semester, things changed for me. Through the school I started singing with the Unity Choir, and as time went on I met more students and alumni and made more friends. Now I love it here. I'm so happy I stuck it out.

In appreciation I would like to thank my mom and dad for signing me up for the program. If it wasn't for them I'd still be at home and working. And I'd also like to thank Jim and Helen for accepting me into the program, and for all of their help. Thanks again everyone. Yea class of 2012 !!!! We did it!!!!





# Class of 2013



>> **Hanna Adams**  
*Granby, CT*



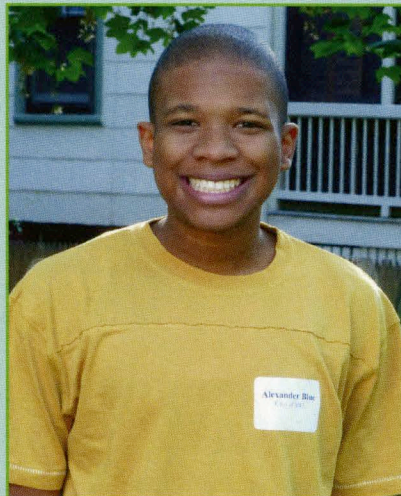
>> **Kira Bacon**  
*Flemington, NJ*



>> **Cara Birnbaum**  
*Sands Point, NY*



>> **Charlie Blatchford**  
*Quebec, Canada*



>> **Alexander Blue**  
*Hyannis, MA*

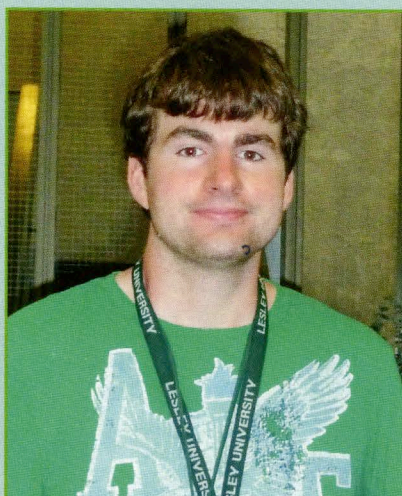


>> **Sarah Bongiorno**  
*Upper Montclair, NJ*

# Class of 2013



>> **Natalie Colbert**  
*Wellesley, MA*



>> **Will Collett**  
*Bolton, MA*



>> **Daniel Dubinsky**  
*New York, NY*



>> **Gabi Fridman**  
*Belmont, MA*



>> **Jennie Giblin**  
*Westborough, MA*



>> **Caroline Greenfield**  
*Avon, CT*

# Class of 2013



>> **Sarah Hay-Smith**  
*Portland, OR*



>> **Teddy Hess**  
*Wilton, CT*



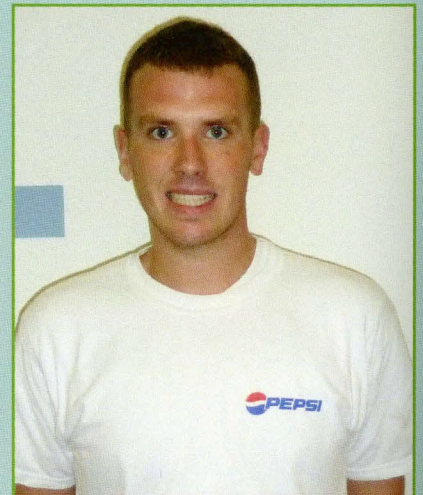
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*Bedford, MA*



>> **Jay Kim**  
*Acton, MA*

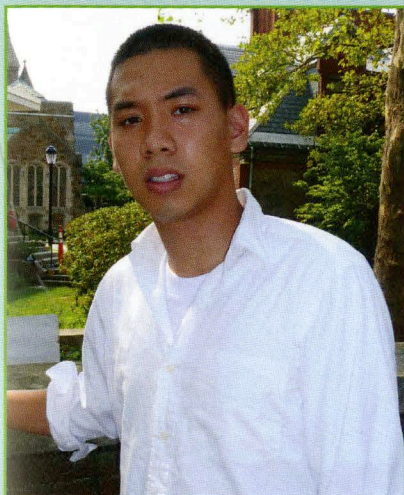


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*Pleasantville, NY*



>> **Philip Murray**  
*Warwick, RI*

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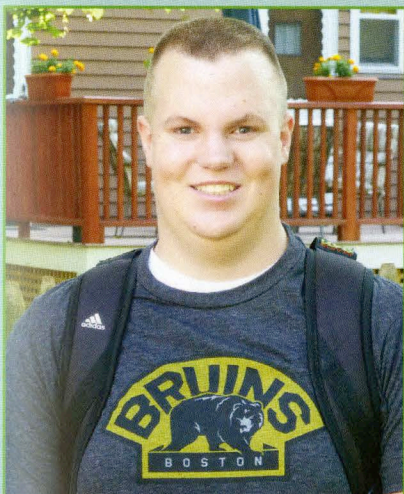
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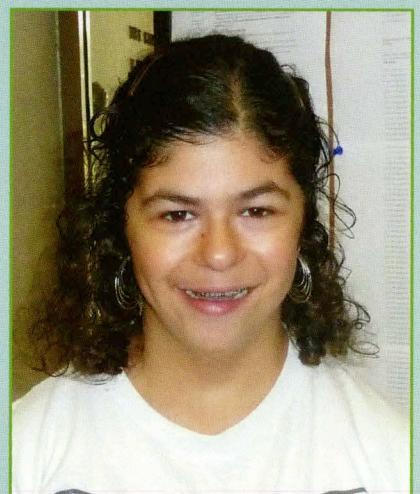
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*San Francisco, CA*



>> **Michael Sheehan**  
*Reading, MA*



>> **Victoria Sheinbaum**  
*Scarsdale, NY*



>> **Olivia Smulyan**  
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*Somers, NY*



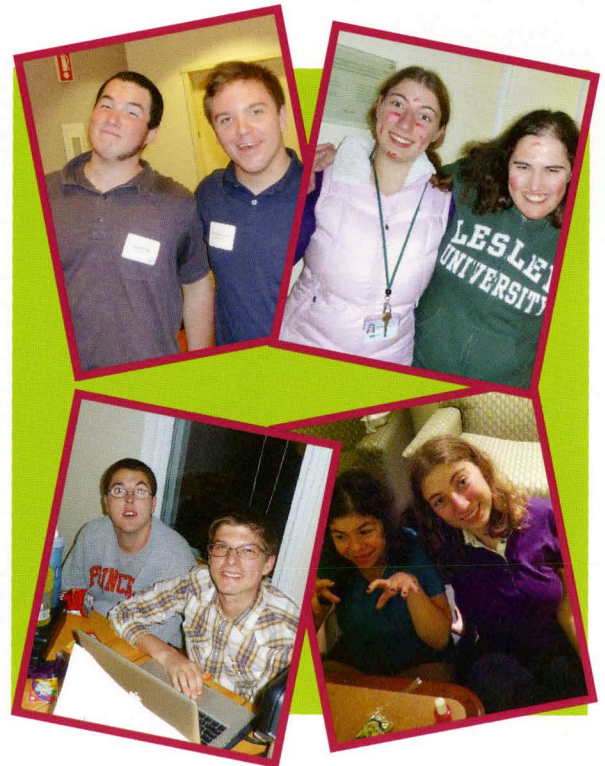
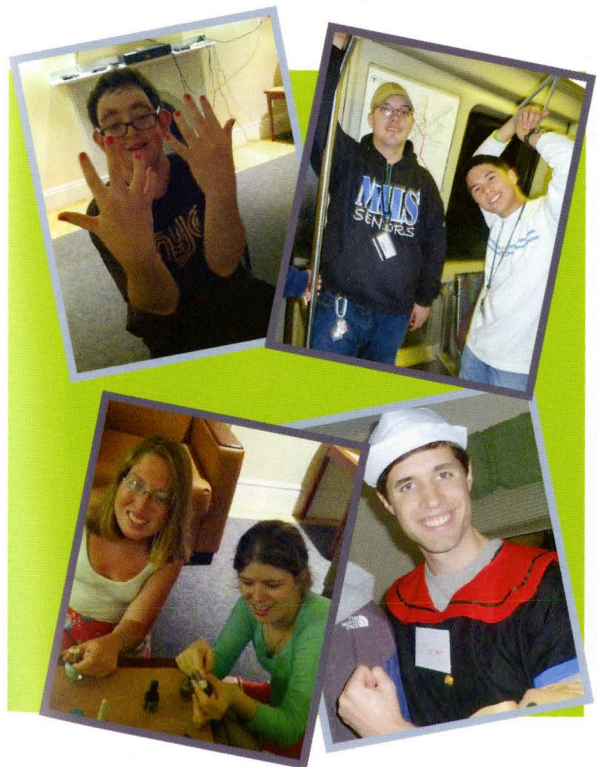
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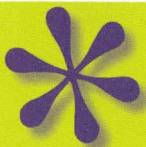




# Bridge Students



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**Guilford, CT**



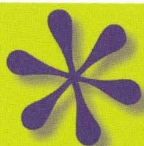
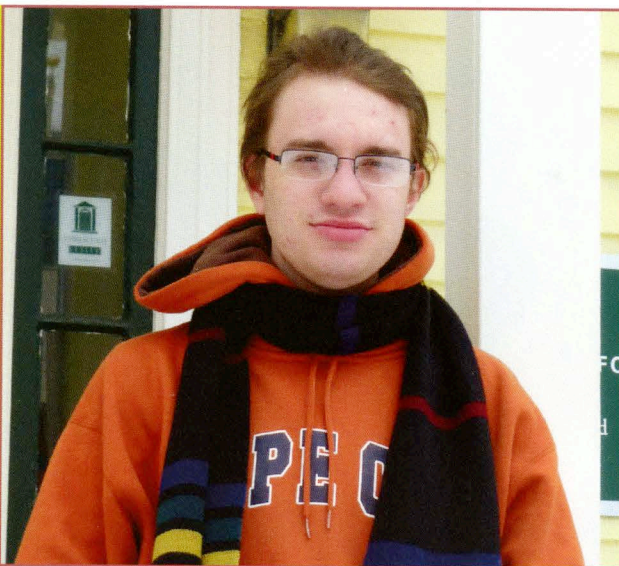
**Sarah Knoll**  
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**Daniel Haight**  
**Fresno, CA**



**Gannon Salinger**  
**Wilton, CT**





# Transition Students



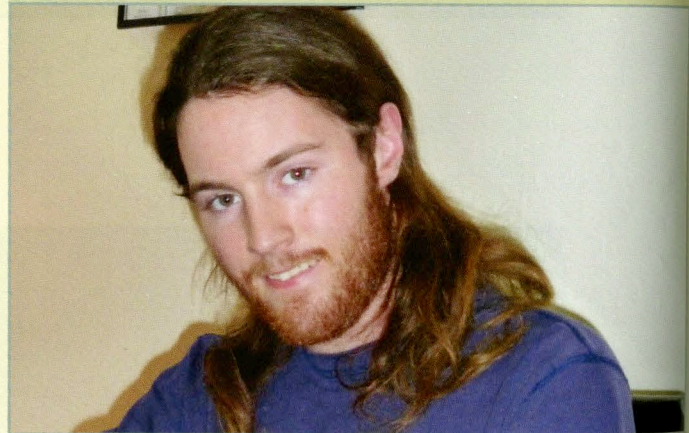
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Matthew Gaudio - Cheshire, CT



Hunter Fellman Greene - Medfield, MA



Ben Guaglianone - Philadelphia, PA



Brianna Flynn - Pound Ridge, NY



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Brian Gomes - Basking Ridge, NJ



Jenna Kampmann - Sarasota, FL



Brandon Mager - Suffern, NY



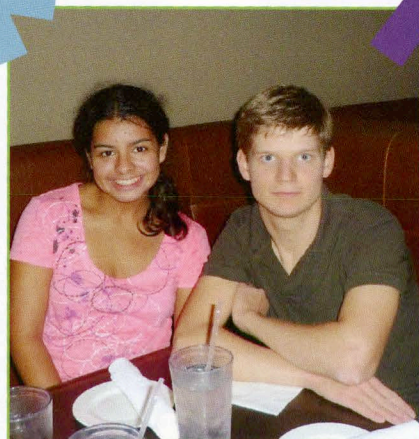
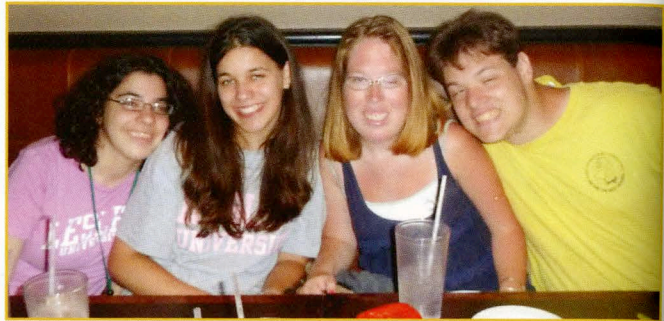
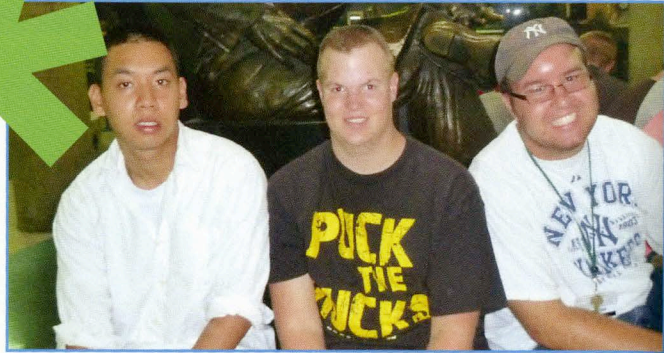
Leo Radomir - London, England



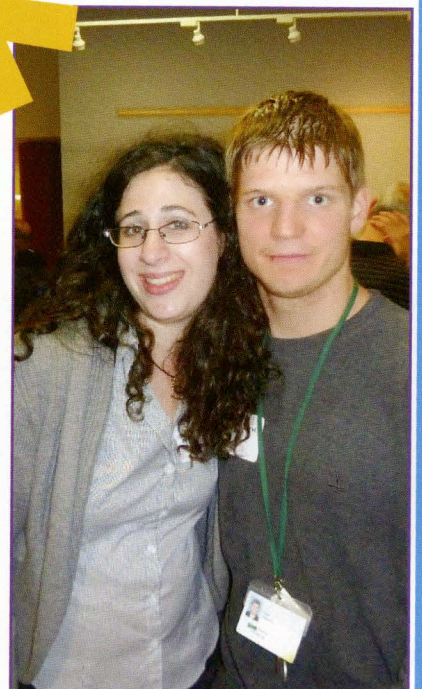
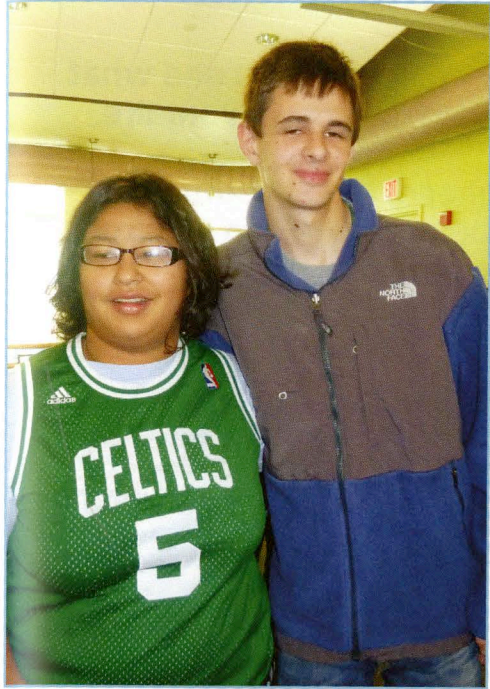
Dudley Williams - Stamford, CT



# Candid's



*Candid's*





## **Tema Lanzikos**

Dear Tema,

We are all very proud of you and what you have achieved so far in your life.

In the years ahead, many young children will be nurtured and inspired by your care and spirit.

With much love and many wishes for happiness, health, and success,

Mom, Dad, Sasha,  
Grandma and Grandpa, & Grandma

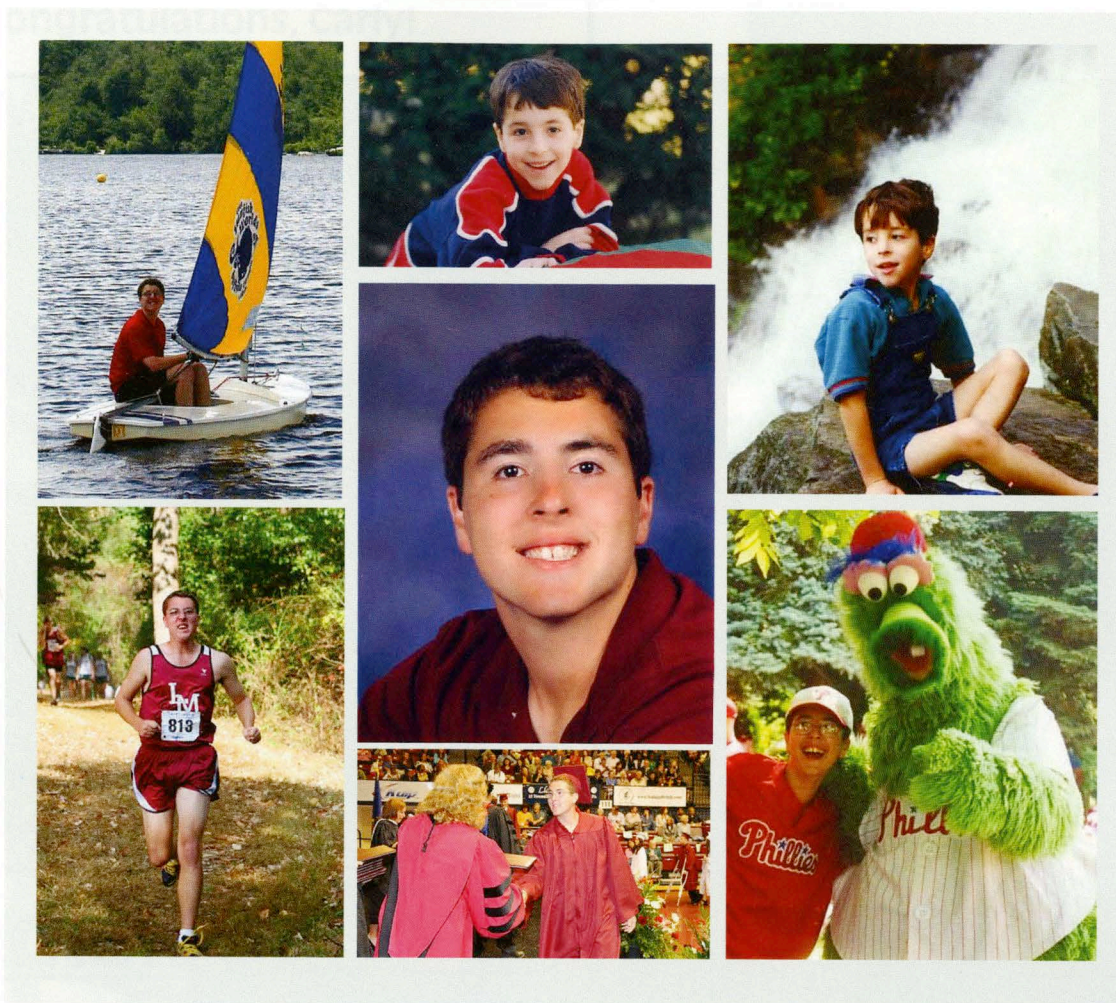
## **Philip Murray**

Philip, We are so proud of you!  
You are amazing!

Thank you Lesley University and Threshold!

Love Always,  
Mom, Dad, Michael, and Lilly too!

# Ryan Spencer



**"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in not giving up."  
Tommy Lasorda, Major League Baseball Player & LA Dodgers Manager**

Ryan -

**Congratulations on your graduation from Threshold. We are so proud of you! You show us every day what can be accomplished when you set a goal for yourself and persevere. We look forward with great anticipation to the next chapter of your story, and the many successes that it is bound to include.**

**Love,  
Mom, Dad, Chris and the entire extended Delanty Spencer Family.**

# Gannon Salinger



**Dear Gannon,**

**What a terrific accomplishment! You have learned so much and worked so hard --- we are very, very proud of you!**

**Love,**

**Mom, Dad, Avery, and Clover**

# Carly DiMango

Congratulations, Carly!

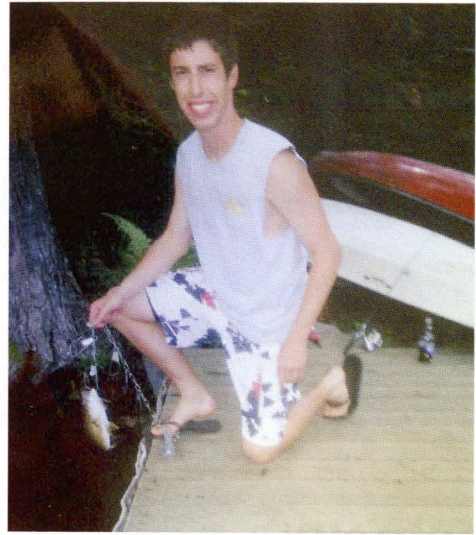
We are so proud of you to infinity  
and beyond!

Thanks Lesley and Threshold.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Jill, Evya,  
Lizzie, and Junior



# Jonah Cornett



Jonah,

Your kindness and generosity overflow!  
We are so proud of the independence you  
have achieved. Dream big!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, & Adam

# Adam Parks

Hooray Adam; 2 down and 1 to go!

Second year has been better than  
the first and soon you will embark  
on your Transition Year. You are  
such an inspiration to us all.

We love you.  
Mom and Frank

# Kasey Williamson

Hi Kasey

Congratulations on  
your first year @  
Lesley!

Dad





## Victoria Sheinbaum

Victoria,

**We are so proud of you and your accomplishments this year. You are the best!**

**We love you.**

**Mom, Dan, and Julian**

## Sarah Bongiorno

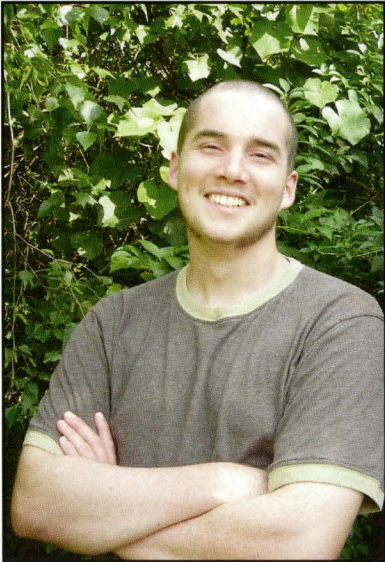
*Sarah B.,*

**Wow!!!!!!** One year of college under your belt. What an accomplishment. We are all so proud of your hard work and drive that made it a successful year. You should be proud of the results of your focus and enhanced determination. With this so many doors will open for you. Continue learning and reach for the stars, they are yours to have.

*We love you. xoxo*

*Mom, Dad, Daisy & Dominoe*

## Paul Coskie



"...I have one final thing I want you to consider. Ladies and gentleman, *this* is Chewbacca, Chewbacca is a Wookiee from Planet Kashyyyk. But Chewbacca *lives* on planet Endor. Now think about it; *that does not make sense!...* "

## Daniel Dubinsky

For Daniel,

**"Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions. Watch your actions, for they become...habits. Watch your habits, for they become your character. And watch your character, for it becomes your destiny! What we think we become."**

**We Love you and we celebrate you!**

**Mom and Jim**

## Teddy Hess



*Teddy - Settling in - First Day at Threshold*

You've come so far since  
September, **TEDDY**,  
Just like we knew you would.  
We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Anton, Maddie,

And of course... **Ricky!**



## Jay Kim



Jay,

**Congratulations on an excellent  
first year.**

**We are extremely proud of you.**

**Love, Diane, Junior, Mom & Dad**

## Alice Cox

**Alice, a great year and more to come. Don't ever forget  
we are 100% behind you with our love and support!**



**We are so proud!**

**Love, Mom, Dad, Libba, Sam, Dalton, Brian, Lola,  
June, Kendall, Ricky, and Avery xxxxx ooooo**

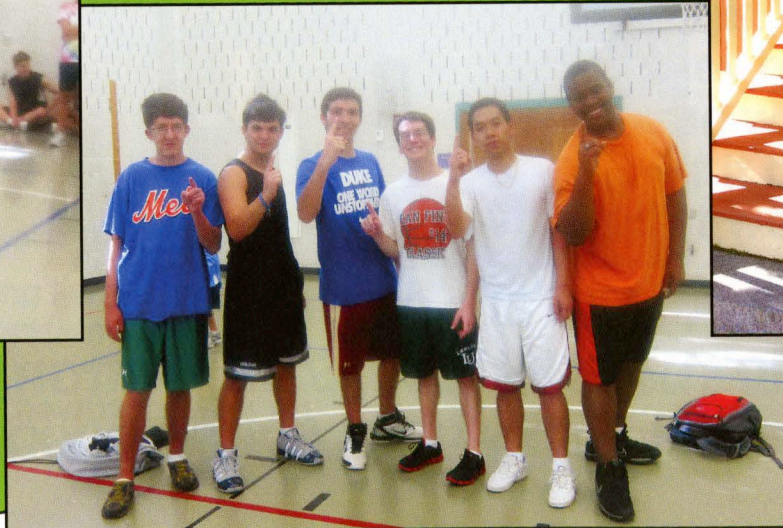
# Jack Savas



**You  
Did  
It!**

**Congratulations!**

*We love you!  
Mom & Dad  
Michael, Lauren,  
Kyle & Jason*



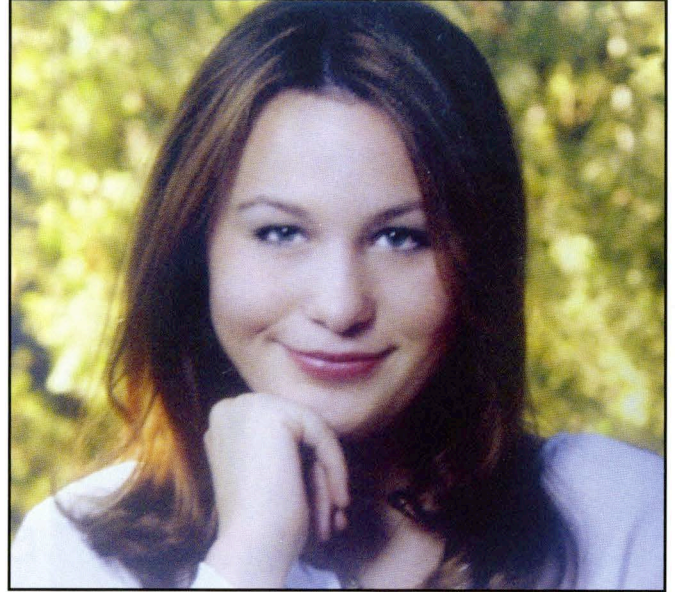
# Chelsea Woolsey

Chelsea,

See what you can do when you set a goal and persevere until you're finished? We applaud your efforts and we are so proud of your accomplishments.

Congratulations Honey,  
YOU DID IT!!!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, and Kimmy



## Patrick O'Brien

Congratulations Patrick!  
We are so proud of you.  
Love, Ward, Karen, and Andrew

## Patrick O'Brien

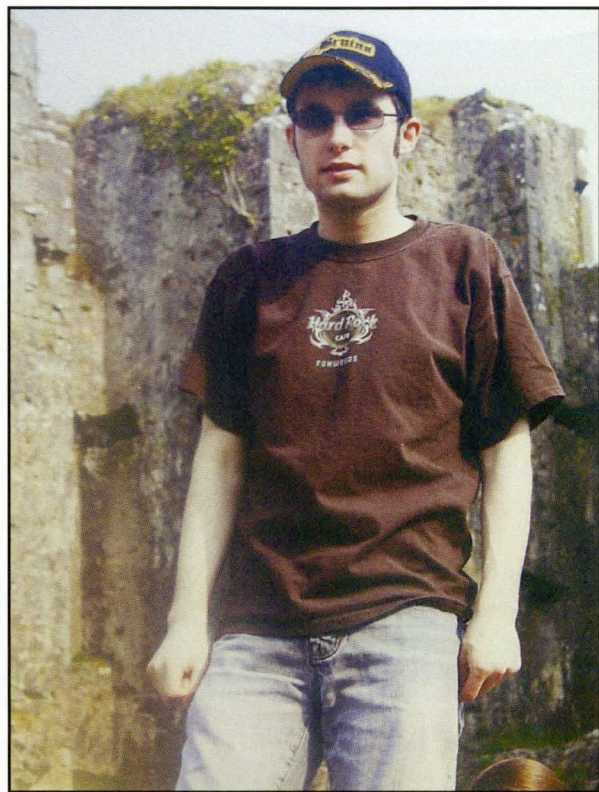
Congratulations Patrick  
We are so proud of you!  
Love, Kay Kay & Mike

## Anna Schwartz-Cohen

Congratulations to the second year students! You have been really helpful to all of us first year students this year. Thank you for your support and friendship - we will miss having you all around. Good luck with whatever you do next and hope you come back to visit!

Anna

# Patrick O'Brien



Patrick you have become  
an amazing young man. We  
are so very proud of you!

Love you,  
Mom, Dad, Emily,  
Aidan and Darlin



# Patrick O'Brien

*Congratulations*

*Patrick Joseph*

**We are very proud of you!**

*Love,*

Aunt Jody, Uncle Joey,  
Amanda, Jake, Paige, and Brooke

**XOXO**



# **Patrick O'Brien**

Congratulations Patrick Joseph

We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. Keep up the great work!

Love - Auntie Beth, Michael, Patrick  
Angelo, Brenna, Lily, and  
Walker Woof Woof!

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# **Patrick O'Brien**

Congratulations Patrick  
on your graduation

We're so proud of you!



Love,  
Grandpa & Moe



## Nate Borstel

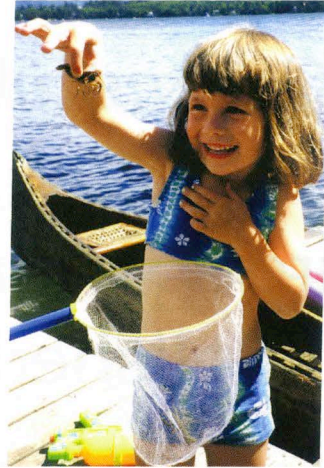
Congratulations Nate,  
on your latest success!

We are so proud of you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Ted, Emma,  
Lydia, Grandma, Grammy  
and Artie!

## Sarah Hay-Smith



SARAH, CONGRATULATIONS ON  
COMPLETING YOUR FIRST YEAR!

Keep grabbing hold and enjoying  
whatever life offers. Your courage and  
resilience and good cheer inspire all of us.

Love you a ton, Mom, Dad and Hannah.

## Michael Vergara

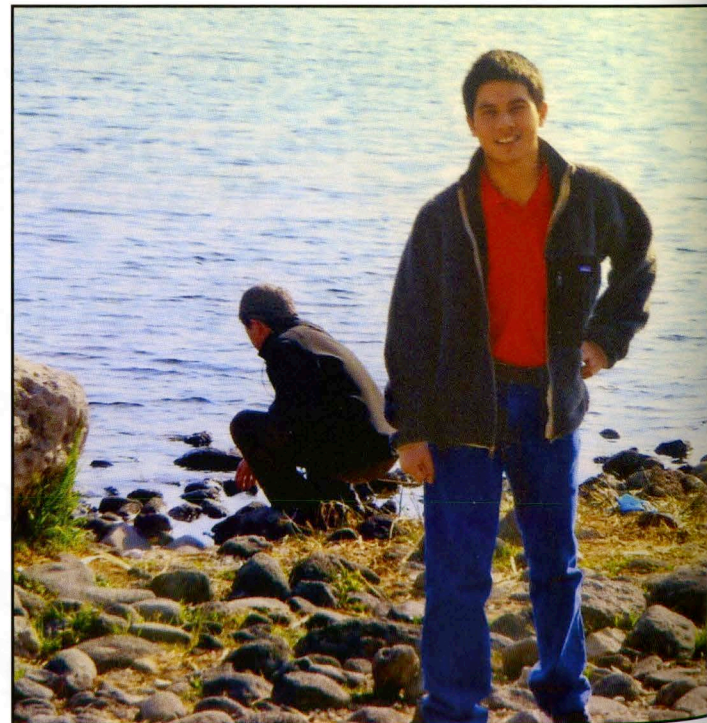
Dear Mike and all Threshold  
Graduates!

CONGRATULATIONS!

We know that you all worked very  
hard to reach your goals. This is just  
the beginning of many more  
achievements to come if you continue  
to stay focus and aim for the stars.  
Keep up the good work always.

Very proud,

Dad, Mom, Mara/Joe, Vicky,  
Little Rebecca



# Joshua James

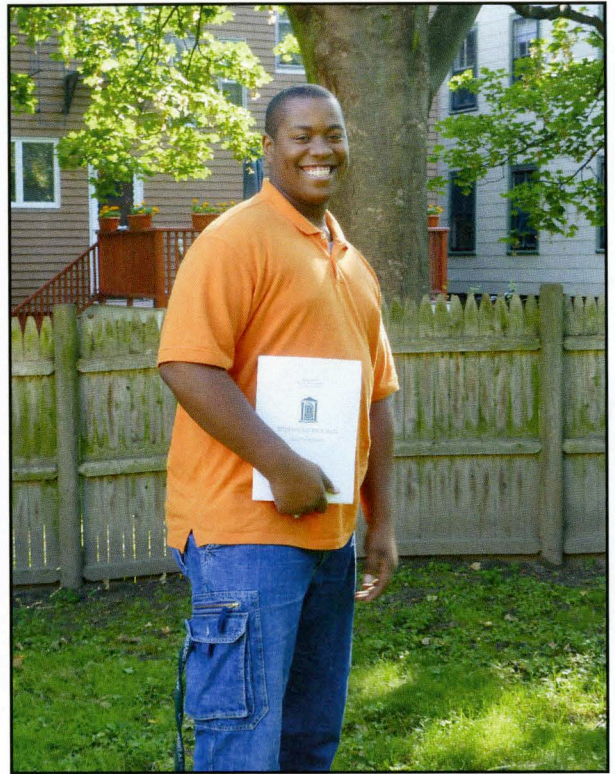
Joshua 'Big J' James

Congratulations Joshua!  
You were always determined to go to college and now you are graduating!

Your success at Threshold shows us that you can do anything you put your mind to.

Remember to always put God first! We love you!

Dad, Mom and all of the family



## Gabi Fridman

Congratulations!



*Mom and Dad*

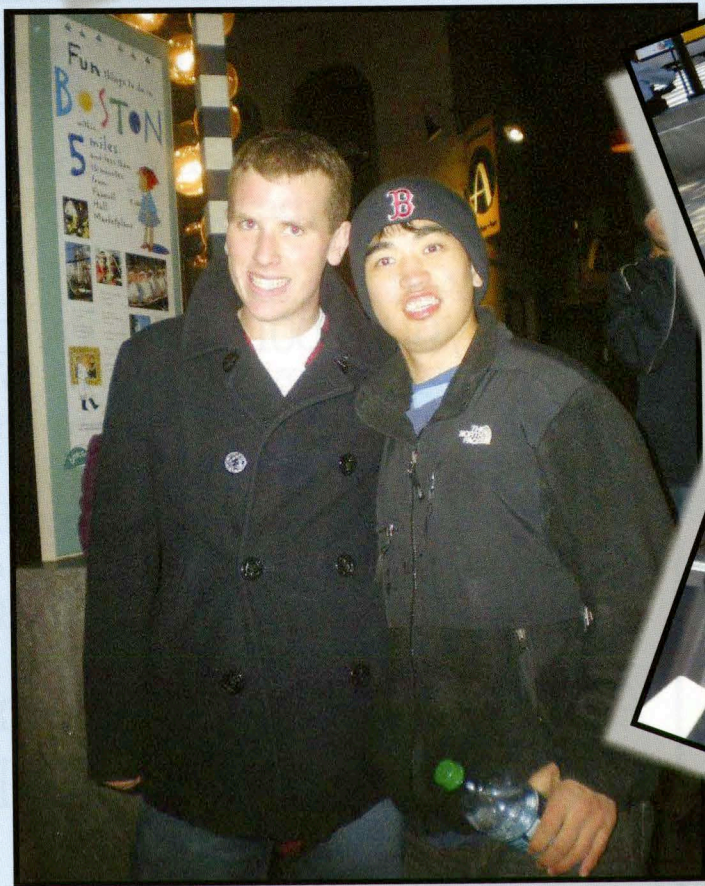
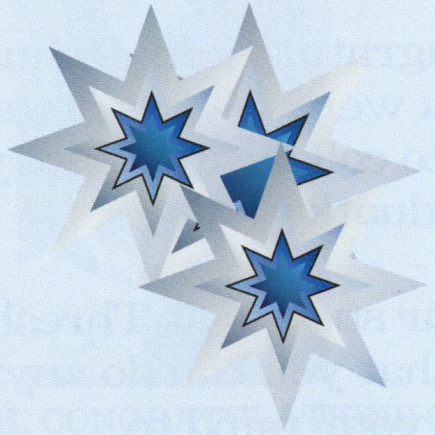
## Olivia Smulyan

Dearest Liv,

Seeing you bloom is a joy to behold. Congratulations to you, all the First Years, and the Graduates of 2012.

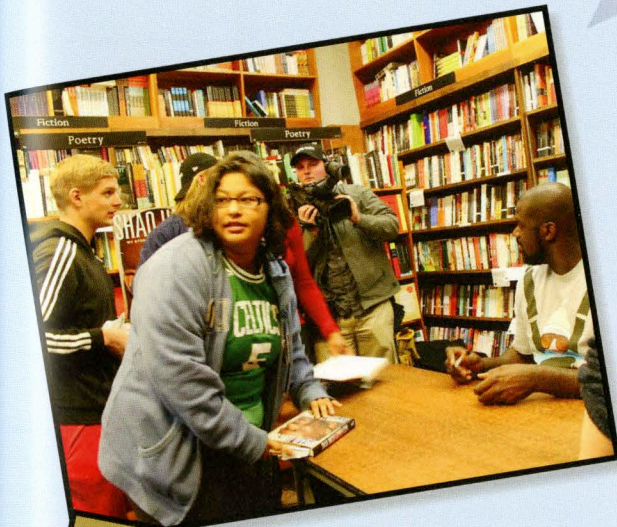
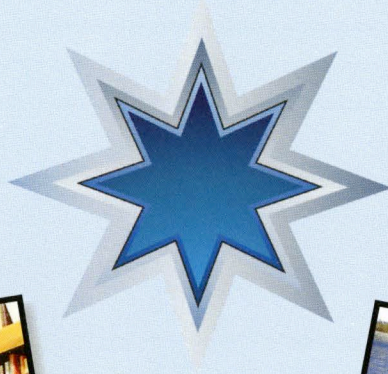
All love, Mom, Dad, Max, and your tons of extended family who believe in....you!





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*Lesley University*





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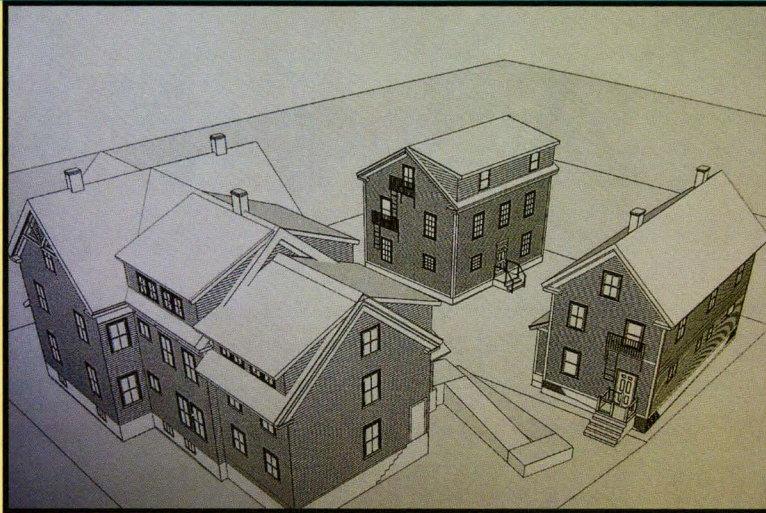




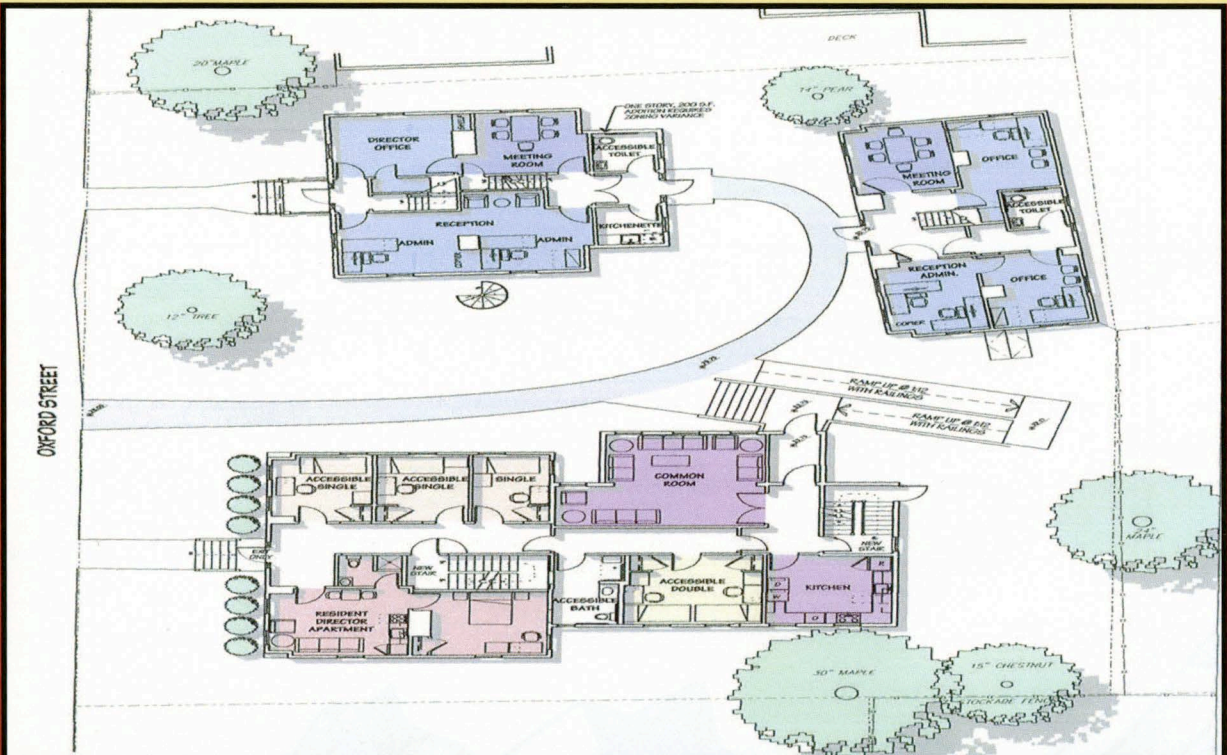
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*Coming Soon ...*



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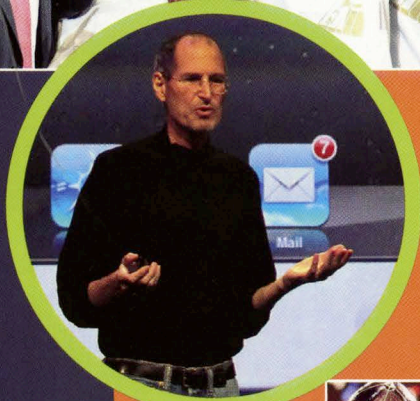
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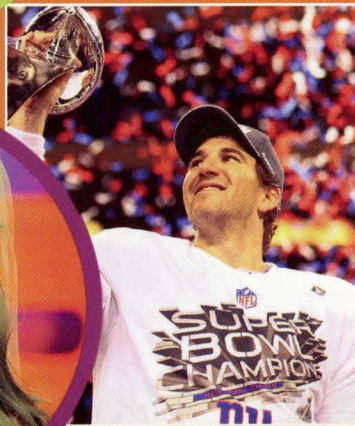
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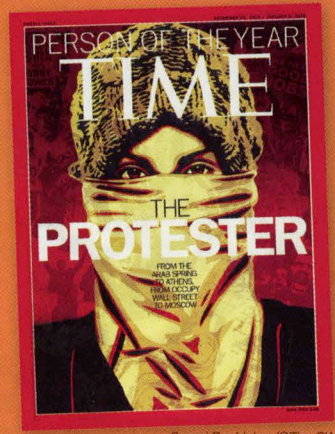
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### Occupy Wall Street Occupies Headlines

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.

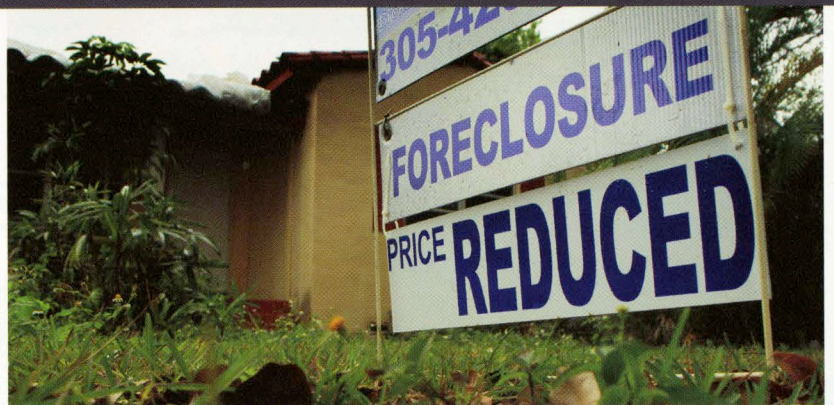
# News



### 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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### 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.



### 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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### 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.



### Cruise Ship Capsizes

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



### 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.



### U.S. Troops Leave Iraq

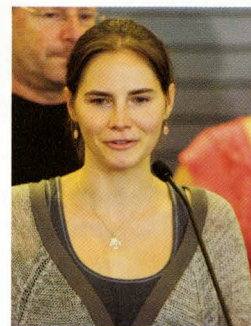
The withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq ends in December, concluding eight years of war and occupation.



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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.

### 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.



AP/Charles Dharapak

### 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.



AP Photo/Havre Daily News, Nikki Carlson



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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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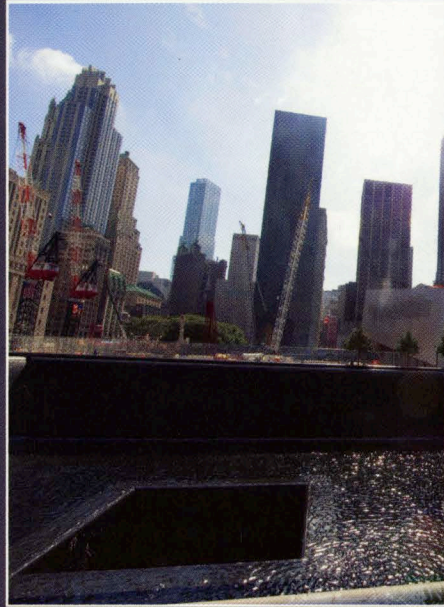
### Republican Hopefuls Debate

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



Seth Wenig/AP Photo

## Watson Gets a Government Job

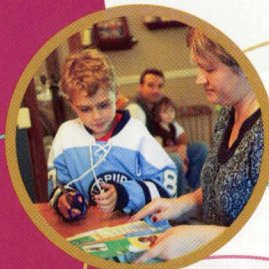
After trouncing human *Jeopardy* champions, Watson, the IBM supercomputer, analyzes pharmaceutical patent data for the National Institutes of Health.



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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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## Coupon Clipping Continues

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



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## Consumers Trash Junk Mail

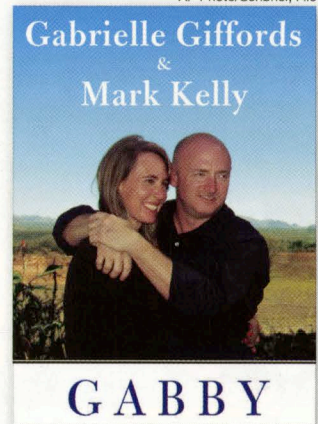
Households across the nation are taking steps to reduce the paper waste of unwanted junk mail from catalog companies and advertisers.



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## School Buildings Go Green

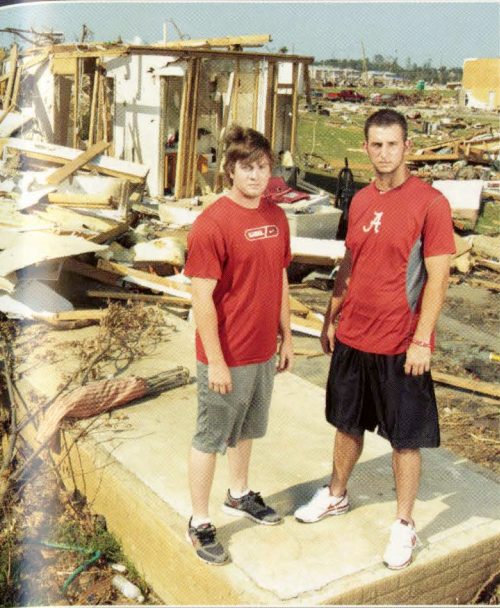
States are adopting green building practices so that school buildings can save energy and use fewer resources.



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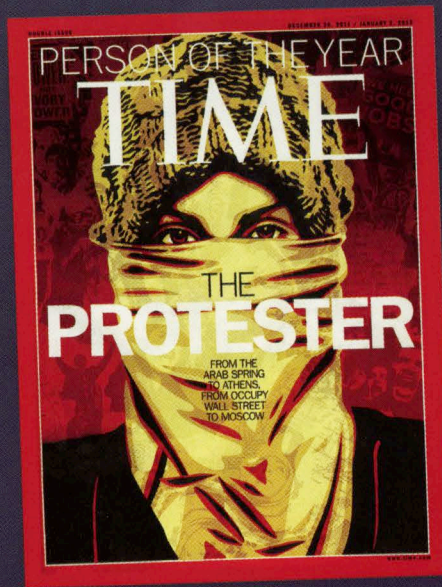
## Gabby Giffords Pens Memoir

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



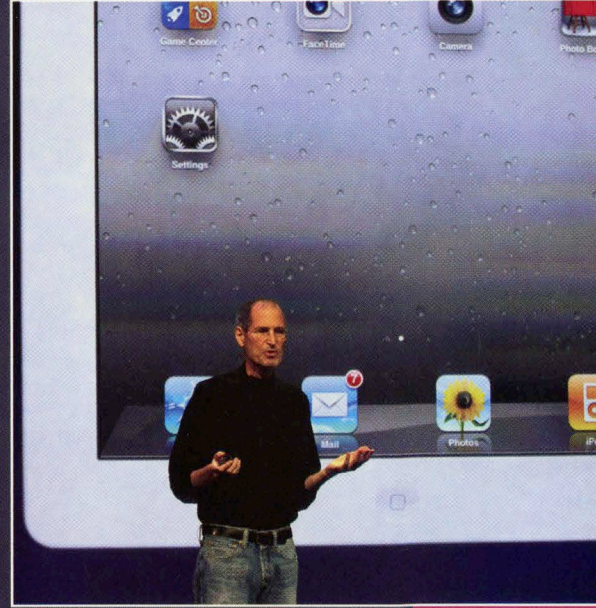
### Tuscaloosa Survives Tornado

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



### "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.



### 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.



### 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.



### New LED Lightbulbs Shine for Decades

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



### New Standards Regulate Fracking Practices

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



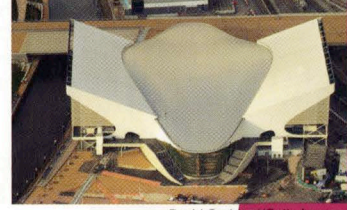
### YouTube Request Snags Timberlake

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



### Joplin Mall Is Makeshift School

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



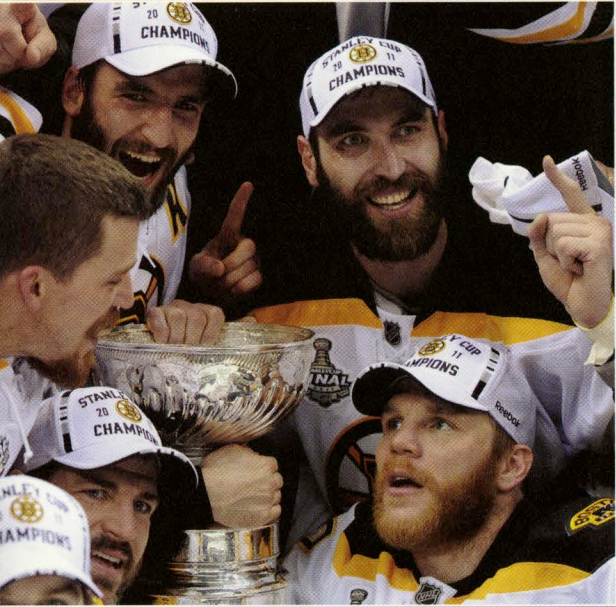
### London Builds an Eco-savvy Olympic Park

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



### 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.



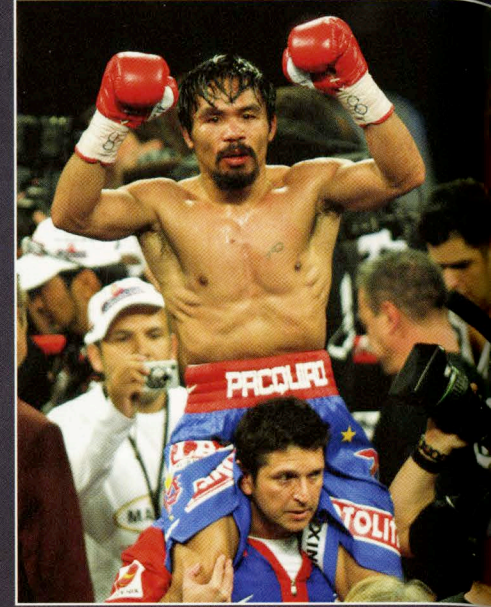
**Boston Bruins Bear Down**

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



**Skaters Gather in Brazil**

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



**Manny Pacquiao Holds His Title**

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

# Sports



**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.

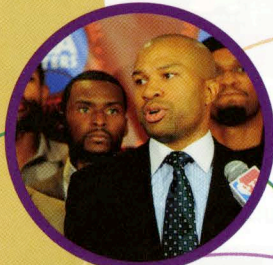
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**St. Louis Cardinals Win World Series**

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

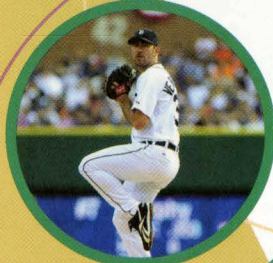
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**Basketball Players End Strike**

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

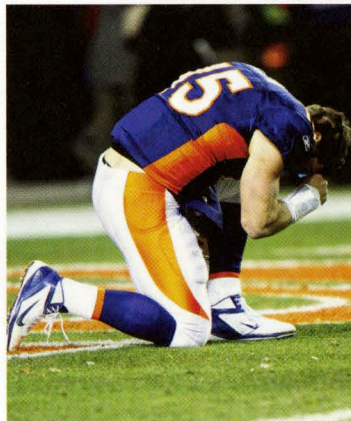
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**Verlander Receives Cy Young Award**

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

Mark Cunningham/MLB Photos/Getty Images



**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.

AP Kevin Terrell



**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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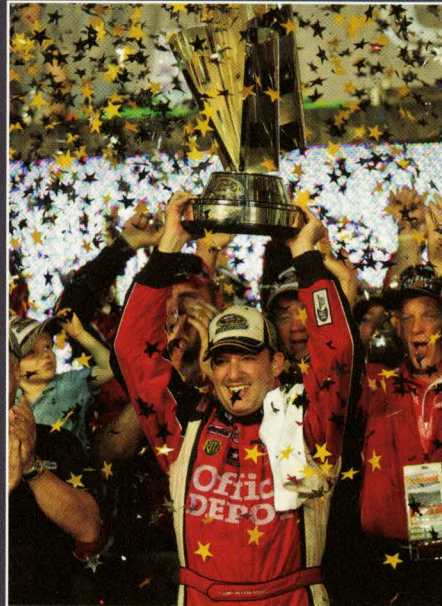
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### First Lady Gets a Kick Out of Fitness

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.

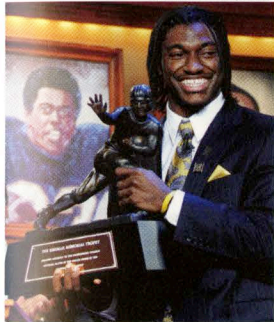
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### Stosur Wins U.S. Open

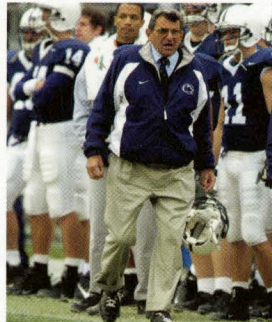
Australian tennis player Samantha Stosur defeats Serena Williams to win the women's singles championship at the U.S. Open.

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.



### Joe Paterno 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

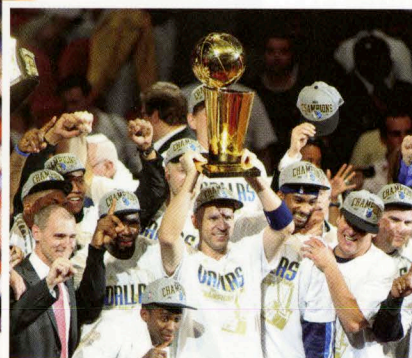
The Sportsman and Sportsman of the Year awards go to college basketball coaches Pat Summitt and Mike Krzyzewski.



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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.

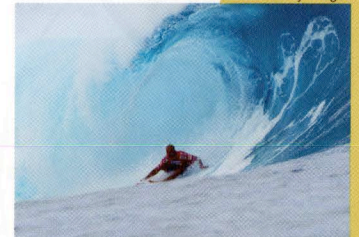
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### Women Gymnasts Garner Gold

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

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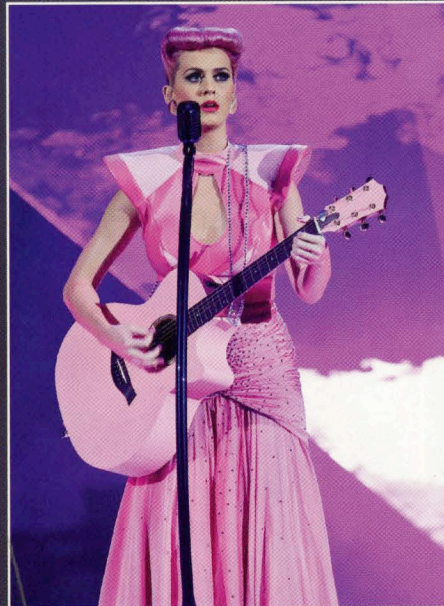
### Kelly Slater Rules the Waves

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



Abdeljalil Bounhar/AP Photo

### 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*.



Tim Whitby/Getty Images

### 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.



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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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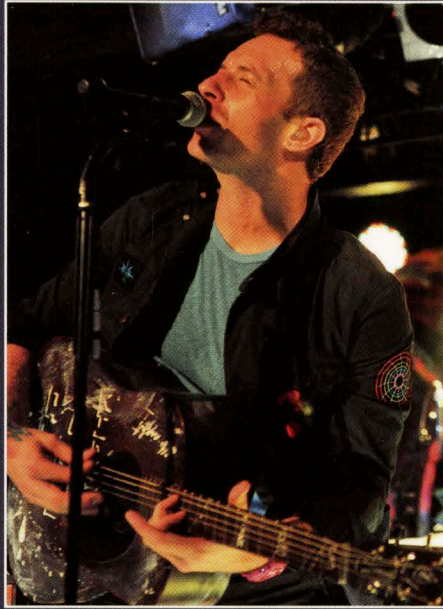
### Whitney Houston Dies at Age 48

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.



### 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.

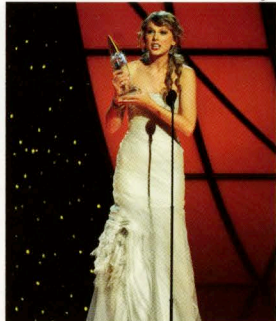
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### Maroon 5 Moves Like Winners

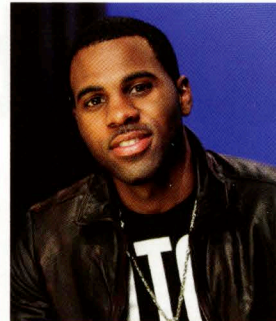
Maroon 5 wins an AMA Pop/Rock Favorite Band award. The cast of *Glee* covers the band's hit single, "Moves Like Jagger."

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### 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.

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### 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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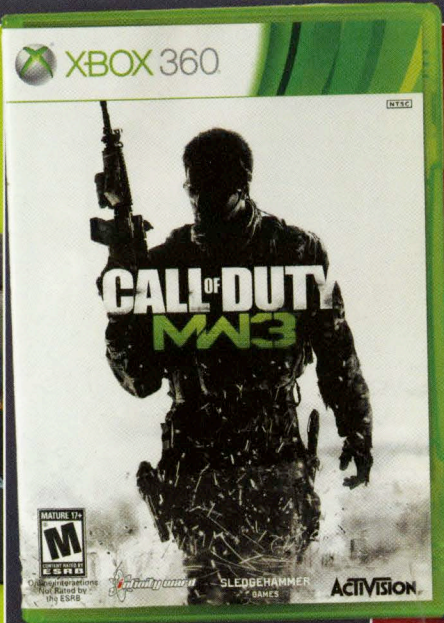
### Foster the People Pumps Up

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.



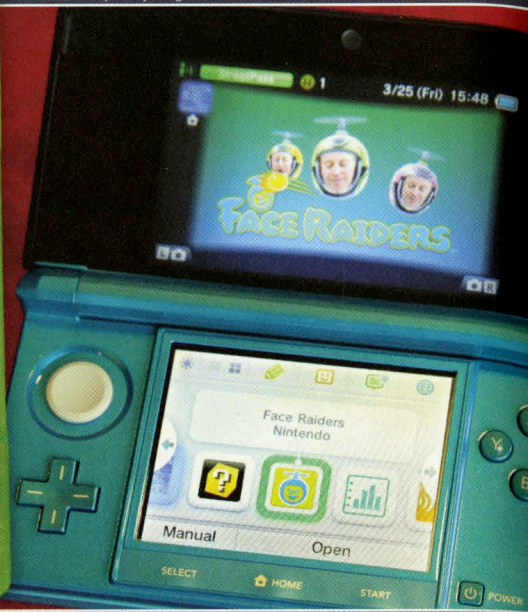
**Polaroid Pictures to Go**

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



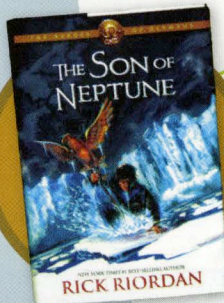
**Super Mario 3D Land Conquers a New Dimension**

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



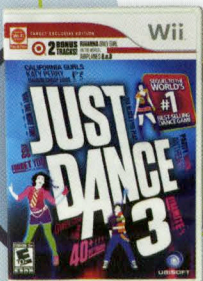
**Angry Birds Goes Mobile**

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



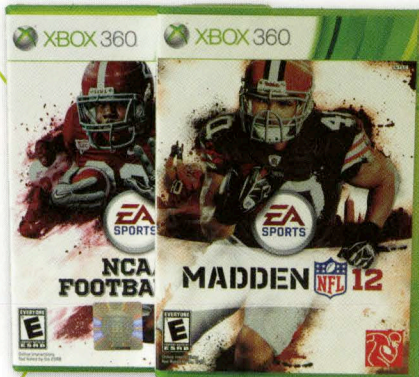
**Readers Welcome The Son of Neptune**

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



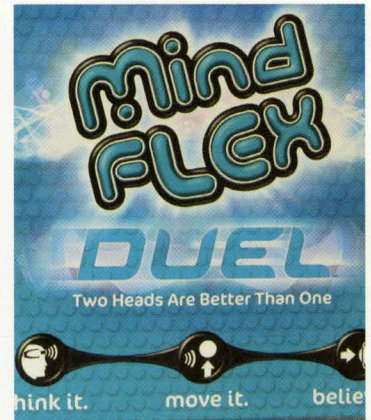
**Just Dance 3 Steps Out**

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



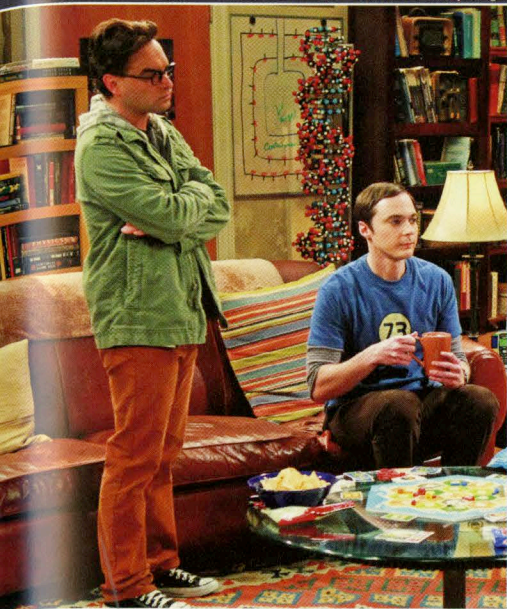
**Madden NFL 12 Scores Big**

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.



**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**

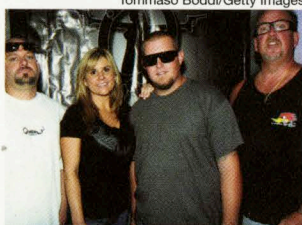
Critics and fans tune into the eighth season of The Office to see how the ensemble cast fares after the departure of star Steve Carrell.

**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.

**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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# Television



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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.



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**NBC Finds Its Voice**

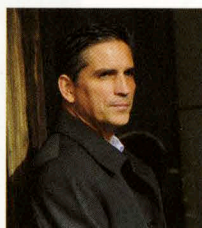
Christina Aguilera, Cee Lo Green, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton compete to coach unknown singers to victory in the reality talent show, The Voice.



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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.



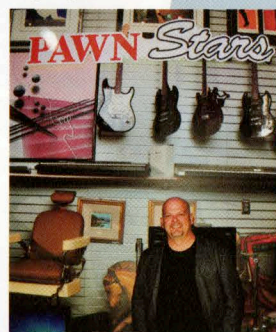
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**Vermin, Beware**

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.



AP Photo/Peter Kramer





**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**

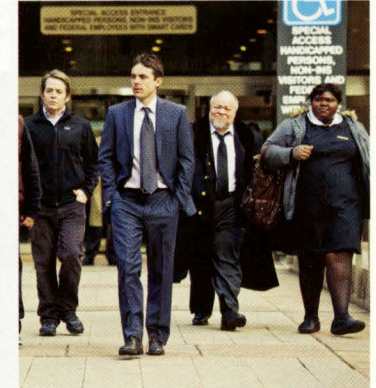
Josh Brolin joins Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones and some seriously sinister aliens in the long-awaited science fiction comedy sequel, *Men in Black 3*.

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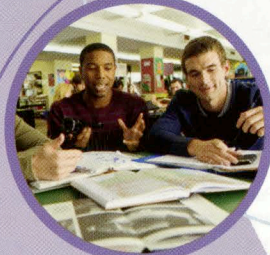
**War Horse Sells Tickets and Tissues**

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*.



**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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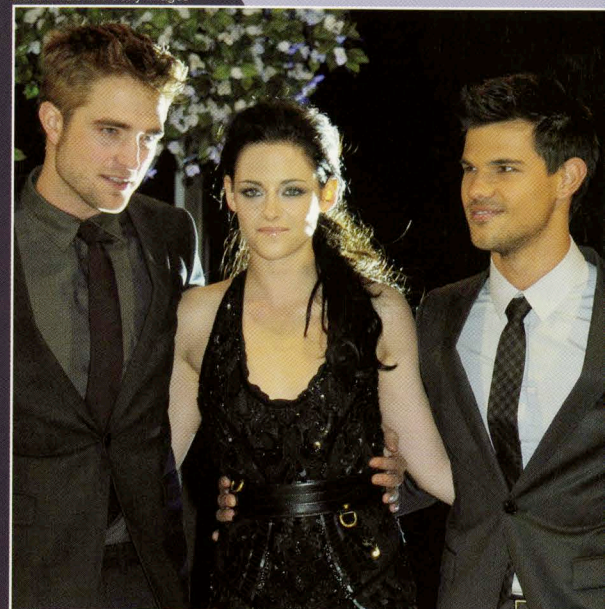
### Animal House

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



### 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.



### 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*.

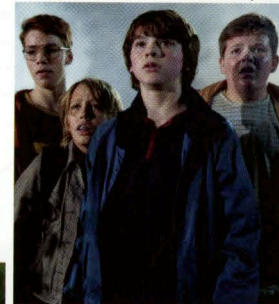
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### Heartstrings in Hawaii

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*.



### 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*.



Dale Robinette/©Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures/Courtesy Everett Collection



**Hoodies Are Classic Casuals**

Comfortable, cozy and laid-back hoodie sweatshirts convey an easy going 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.

**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.



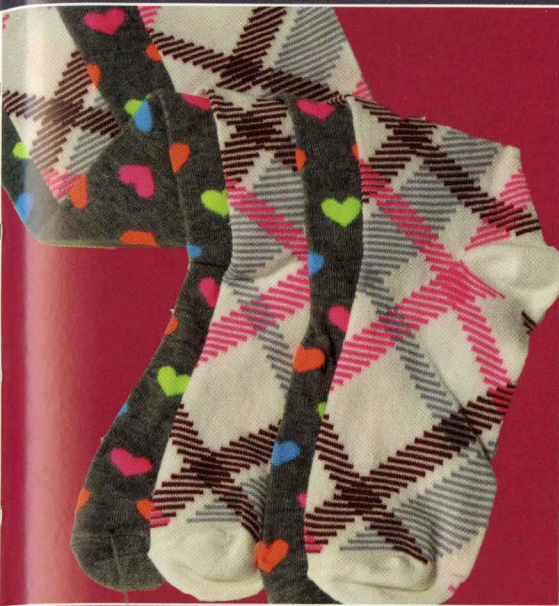
**Layers Make the Look**

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.



**Shaggy Chic**

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



### 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

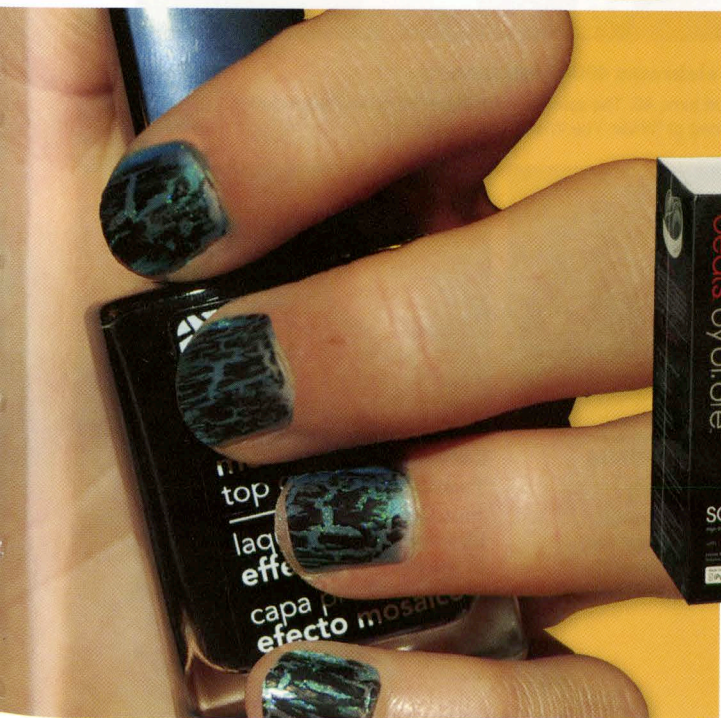
Greek-style yogurt, which is creamier and less sour than ordinary yogurt, adds more delicious options to the dairy case.

### 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!



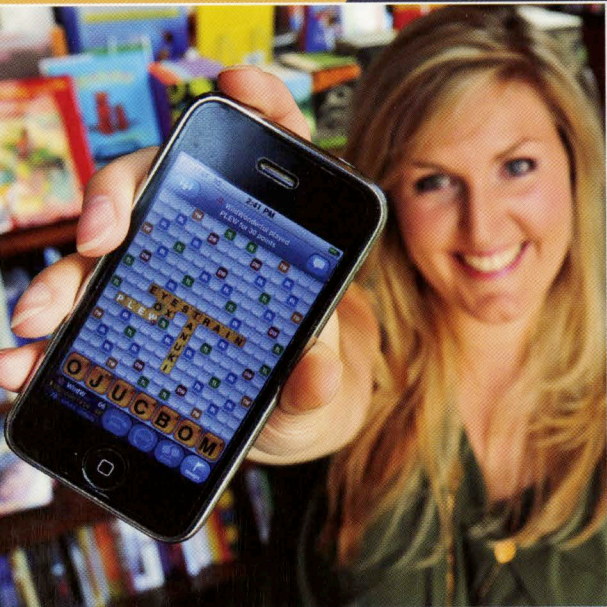
### Music Goes to Your Head

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.



**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.

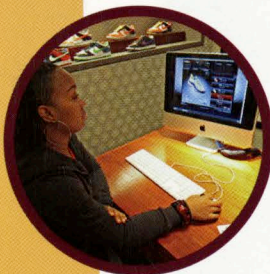
**Moviegoers Stay Home With Netflix**

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**

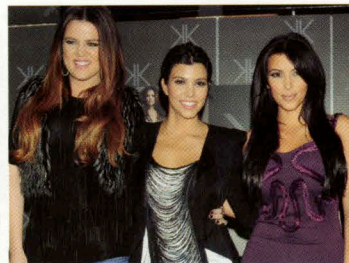
The Walt Disney World Resort turns 40. The celebration at Magic Kingdom Park includes fireworks and a mass sing-along of "When You Wish Upon a Star."



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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.



Tammie Arroyo/AP Photo

**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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